

As Lebanese fighting flares PLO loses foothold; Arab League convenes

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Egypt and Iraq last night demanded that Syria promptly withdraw its 12,000 troops from Lebanon, where the combined forces of the Palestine Liberation Organization and the leftists were reported to be losing their foothold.

The Egyptian and Iraqi demand was voiced shortly before Arab Foreign Ministers convened at the headquarters of the League of Arab Nations in Cairo to discuss the explosive situation in Lebanon.

The Foreign Ministers were to try to salvage the Arab League's week-long frustrated initiative and Lebanon's 15-month civil war.

The PLO yesterday charged that Syrian troops in Lebanon were now openly fighting on the side of Lebanon's "isolationist" (Christian) forces against the PLO-leftist alliance on several fronts, including Beirut and the environs of the coastal cities of Tripoli and Sidon.

The PLO further blamed the Syrians for the fall of the strategic el-Basha refugee camp, southeast of Beirut, yesterday to the Christian forces. The latter last night intensified their offensive for occupation of the nearby larger refugee camp of Tel el-Zaatar — one of the main PLO-leftist strongholds in Lebanon.

Both the Syrians and the Christians yesterday denied any collusion. Nevertheless, in a message sent to the Arab League last night, Lebanon's Christian President Suleiman Franjeh defended Syria's military presence in his country, saying that "Lebanon's special relationship with Syria is none of the business of the League of Arab Nations." Franjeh advised the Arab League to focus rather on the PLO's own presence, which he said had become a "real occupation force in Lebanon." He said that the Lebanese were now determined

to fight on, adding: "We had to take up arms to defend our nation's sovereignty. This is our sacred, undisputed national duty." Franjeh said that Jir el-Basha and Tel el-Zaatar were never refugee camps, but "training centres for international terrorists and plane hijackers."

Franjeh's statement, which was broadcast over the Beirut radio, reported him, came after the Christians staged their triumphant takeover of the PLO's camp at Jir el-Basha and rolled on to renew their siege of the Tel el-Zaatar camp.

Beirut reports said that the French camp has mobilized some 10,000 fighters for the current onslaught, which has been building up for the past nine days. These fighters were said to have been organized during the confrontation between the PLO-leftist alliance with the Syrians last month.

The fall of Jir el-Basha and the possible loss of Tel el-Zaatar constitute the heaviest blow to the PLO and their leftist allies of Lebanon's civil war.

The leader of the Lebanese leftists, Kamal Jumblatt, yesterday warned that the fall of the two camps would signal the "point of no return" for a protracted all-out "war of the people" and the "Vietnamization" of Lebanon. The PLO's chief, Yasser Arafat, made a similar statement, but there seemed to be a lot of hot air in these warnings as they already are fighting to their full capacity. Indeed, the fate of the PLO and their leftist allies remained at the mercy of the Syrians who, contrary to the PLO claims, have so far refrained from showing their full strength in Lebanon. The Syrians continued mainly to be maneuvering towards the promotion of a pro-Damascus sovereign Lebanese regime and towards controlling the PLO-leftists, who are affiliated to Arab capitals opposing the Baathist government of President Hafez Assad in Syria.

Squatting bids by Gush Emunim

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. Gush Emunim would be settling with launch squatting bids throughout Judea and Samaria in the coming two months, the settlement groups decided here last night.

Hanoch Klein, of the Western Samaria group, said some 30 families will move to Jebel Mukatem, east of Latrun, in a fortnight. They will stay there for two days and then stage a two or three-day demonstration in front of the Prime Minister's office in Jerusalem. If these measures fail to induce the Government to allow them to settle between Meshah (east of Kafr Kassem) and Jebel Mukatem they will attempt to maintain a "presence" at the latter site, in the form of a field school or something similar.

The government, through the World Zionist Organization, recently offered Meshah to the Eilon Moreh group which is currently in Camp Kadum. But a Gush Emunim source told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that, at the ministerial committee on settlement, Israel Galili recently opposed offering Meshah to the Western Samaria group.

Cairo expels Libyan envoy

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

CAIRO. — Libyan Ambassador Mohamed el-Sedki Ramadan was expelled from Egypt yesterday after being held overnight for distributing state pamphlets. Informed sources said the ambassador was summoned to the foreign ministry shortly after his release and told to leave the country immediately.

Egyptian officials said Ramadan was arrested on Tuesday night while handing out huge quantities of books and pamphlets inciting revolution against the government of President Anwar Sadat.

Observers said Libya was likely to retaliate in kind. They speculated that Libya's leader, Colonel Muammar Gaddafi, might even break off relations with Egypt.

The expulsion ended a chapter of bad relations between Ramadan and Egyptian officials. The Egyptian Foreign Ministry accused him in April of firing a sub-machinegun from his embassy compound to break up an occupation of the building by Libyan students.

Meanwhile, calls for the latest news about the victims continued to flood the special Transport Ministry information centre set up at

Terrorists still holding over 200 hostages from the Air France jet hijacked on Sunday on a flight from Tel Aviv to Paris yesterday threatened to kill all the hostages and blow up the plane if their ransom demands were not met by two o'clock this afternoon Israel time.

The terrorists, who say they represent the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, have demanded the immediate release of 53 pro-Palestinian prisoners, 40 of them terrorists in Israel jails. They delivered their new ultimatum after

Paris remains firm as 47 hostages free

By JACK MAURICE
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PARIS. — A special Air France plane carrying the 47 hostages released by hijackers in Entebbe landed at Orly Airport last night. Foreign Minister Jean Sauvageau was at the airport to welcome the hostages, mostly women, children and old persons. Scores of relatives also were on hand.

The first woman off the plane was Mrs. Annie Bracker, 25, of Paris, holding her 2-year-old daughter Shirley in her arms.

Mrs. Bracker's cousin, Jacqueline Bittoun, shouted: "oh, it's wonderful, it's wonderful. I've had no sleep for three days."

A French Foreign Ministry spokesman paid tribute to the role played by Uganda's President, Marshal Amin Dada in securing the release of 47 of the 256 people aboard the Airbus which was hijacked over Greece on Sunday after leaving Athens on a flight from Tel Aviv to Paris.

But French officials stressed that France will not yield to the terrorists' demands for the release of Palestinian prisoners held in France and other Western European countries.

France was listed by the terrorists as holding one of the 53 prisoners whom they are demanding must be handed over in exchange for the airport and the remaining passengers and crew members.

French officials sources say there are no Palestinians at present held in France. Evelyn Barag, a French woman who spent four years in an Israeli jail on terrorism charges, has been held in Paris for the past month on charges of trying to blow up the offices of the Rothschild Bank here.

Officials in Paris said the terrorists appeared to have decided to release the batch of old people, children and women in order to make it easier for them to control the others in the airport terminal building at Entebbe.

Air France director general Gilbert Perol told a press conference here yesterday afternoon that the 47 freed hostages are expected in Paris shortly before midnight.

Another Boeing has left Paris for Nairobi, as a second group of hostages, about 50, might be freed by the hijackers at any moment, Perol said.

West Germany has set up a crisis (Continued on page 2, col. 5)

Relatives to see Rabin

TEL AVIV. — Relatives of the Air France hijack victims gathered at Beit Haprakdi here yesterday and, after an emotional meeting, named a five-man delegation to see Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin later in the night.

Meanwhile, calls for the latest news about the victims continued to flood the special Transport Ministry information centre set up at

Tel Aviv's Migdal Shalom. The special phone number 54678, 50662 and 50663 will be manned today from 7 a.m. to midnight.

The list of hijack victims continued to be withheld from publication. This somewhat hampered the organizers of yesterday's meeting of relatives, as it was some time before they were given the list, on the promise of not divulging it. (JTM)

VAT STARTS TODAY

By GIDION ESHET
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The Value Added Tax — VAT — was imposed on all goods and services sold in Israel as of midnight last night. The first revenues out of the expected total of L2,500m. to the Government will come this morning when the tax is imposed on imported goods.

To smooth VAT's introduction into the country, the Treasury yesterday issued about 100 emergency back-to-work orders to customs employees, who have been refusing to deal with VAT matters, because of differences over grading for their new tasks.

Yitzhak Mann, the chairman of the works committee, told *The Jerusalem Post* that the employees will honour the orders — but he pointed out that the jobs will be done with less vigour because of them. "One cannot expect a worker to be as productive when he works under force," he said.

The prices of bread, cooking oil, margarine, eggs, sugar, milk and some milk products will not change. Commerce and Industry Ministry officials said yesterday. The list of maximum retail prices published by the Ministry yesterday gave the impression that the prices had increased. This resulted from a com-

parison of prices without VAT to prices with VAT. Under VAT, the prices should normally increase, but to avoid this, the Government increased the subsidy to meet the higher costs of VAT.

The back-to-work orders issued yesterday set a precedent. In the past, these orders were used to force workers to return to regular work. However, in this case, the workers were doing regular work — as customs officials — but were ordered to do additional work on VAT.

The employees have been negotiating with the Treasury since Feb. 1975. They demand that those who will work on VAT receive higher job classification which will enable them to receive higher grades in the future.

About 100,000 dealers have already registered with VAT. In this group are about 40,000 authorized dealers (who can issue VAT tax invoices) out of 60,000 believed to be in business. Another 50,000 petty dealers have also not registered, while about 20,000 more are exempt from VAT because their annual turnover is less than IL20,000. Since thousands of registration documents (Continued on page 2, col. 5)

Europe's Reds choose 'freedom'

EAST BERLIN. — European Communist leaders adopted a new charter yesterday acknowledging the right of every Communist Party to run its own affairs, without interference.

The final document, of a two-day European Communist conference said all 29 participating parties, including the Soviet Union, recognized there were "different roads" towards the achievement of Communism.

The party leaders, representing eight Communist regimes in Eastern Europe as well as independent parties in Western Europe said they would adhere strictly to the principle of equality and sovereign independence of each party.

Adoption of the carefully-phrased document represented a major concession by the Soviet Communist

Party, which was forced to drop demands for a joint action programme.

The acknowledgement of equal rights in a movement long dominated by Moscow was seen as an important victory for the independent parties of Yugoslavia, Rumania, France and Italy as well as other smaller parties in Western Europe.

The East Berlin conference, first international communist meeting for nine years, took place 12 months behind schedule. It was delayed by bitter arguments over dogma and tactics. The declaration recognized "the struggle of each party for socialism in its own country and its responsibility towards the working class and the people of that country."

The final conclusions, printed in

a 47-page red-backed booklet, were rushed through after strong speeches by President Tito of Yugoslavia, Italian party leader Enrico Berlinguer and French leader Georges Marchais defending the independence and national traditions of their parties.

Marchais told the Communist leaders, including Soviet party chief Leonid Brezhnev that "socialism in France will be a socialism in French colours." President Tito pleaded for an end to "name-calling" in the divided Communist movement, and said outside interference should be barred.

The conference bowed to demands by the Italian and French parties in endorsing a call for cooperation with Social Democrats and Catholics. This was previously regarded with reserve by the Kremlin. (Reuter)

freeing 47 of the passengers — old women, sick persons and children — who arrived in Paris late last night. Another relief plane was also on its way to pick up another 50 hostages who French reports said were to be freed.

In Jerusalem, the Cabinet met in its capacity as Ministerial Security Committee and heard a briefing on developments in Uganda. Israel was also in contact with other countries whose nationals are being held, and with those countries who have been asked to release terrorists held in their jails.

Israel's low profile

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel continued yesterday to keep as low a profile as possible in the hijack affair and to reiterate at every opportunity the primary responsibility of France for the welfare and safety of all the hostages in Entebbe.

The Government's aim, according to one informed source, was "to avoid Israelization" of the affair. This was made possible during yesterday by the firm front maintained so far by France and the other governments involved.

Foreign Minister Allon, in a noon-time statement to the Knesset (see page three) pointed to this firm front as a "source of encouragement." Officials said there had been no pressure from any state involved (except Uganda) to bow to the hijackers' demands.

But as the hijackers' deadline (today at two p.m.) drew nearer, tense mounted, and diplomatic contacts with the other governments intensified.

The Cabinet met for an hour at noon to hear a report from Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Officials stressed that the meeting was in-

tended "to update the ministers" — not to take any operative decisions. Later the Premier and Foreign Minister Director-General Shlomo Avineri briefed the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee. Ministers and Committee members were specifically requested by the Premier not to make public statements on the hijack affair because of the increasing danger and delicacy of the situation.

Israel's long-standing policy of not treating with terrorists is complicated in the present case, observers say, by several factors:

- the lives of non-Israelis are in danger;
- the plane and the hijackers are out of Israel's reach;
- no Israeli officials are on the scene or directly involved in the negotiations;
- other governments — both those with nationals on the plane and those with imprisoned terrorists on the hijackers' list — are involved, and their positions will have to be taken into account;
- the Ugandan army cannot be relied upon to act forcefully if the hijackers begin shooting.

The freed passengers

PARIS. — Air France yesterday issued the names of the 47 Airbus passengers released by hijackers at Entebbe, Uganda, yesterday morning. All the passengers except one were due to arrive in Paris aboard a special flight shortly before midnight last night.

News agencies gave differing names and nationalities for the one man who remained in Uganda, but they agreed that he had been admitted to hospital. JTA reported him as being "an Israeli, Blind Zuckerkorn," aged 80, who was admitted to a hospital in Entebbe. AP said he was a Frenchman, aged about 80, called Simon Taieb, who was said by officials to be in a Kampala hospital suffering from leg ulcers.

A Ugandan government announcement said the 47 included 33 French, three Moroccan, two Greeks, two Americans, two Dutch, one Cana-

dian, one Cypriot, one Paraguayan, one Venezuelan and one stateless person.

The names are: Christine Allan Koppel, Jean Michel Koppel, Olivier Collet, Yael Dalkis Georgios, Sandrine Anna Knebel, Knebel, Jean Misan, Tams Hadjeld, Ibrahim Hadjeld, Salomon Rubin, Regine Rubin, Michael Maris Henry, Laia Kermoud, Rabea Bannani, Mohammed Kermoud.

Esther Helenke de Canton, Vera Zultman Eragelina, Sebath Nouna, Cosmuni Hambos Zodiatis, Sophie Zouri, Josephine Anselm, Mrs. Tzipora Tzichner, Solange Tzipora Tzichner, Sabine Tzipora Tzichner, Regine Tzipora Tzichner, Joe Tarika, Benjamin Schuchter, Carole Taylor, Eric Taylor, Simon Taieb, Nancy Gleske, Dany Bjour, Perla Bliton, Julie Assouline, Saigneur Henriette Damourrette, Rolande Damourrette, Yvonne Chryssoula, Leonor Niewer Neuchamp, Zaid Faldoun, Nudchen, Scandia Feldman Nudelmann, Jeanne Marissal, Helene Partouche, Aziza Partouche, Sherley Ouzana, Annie Ouzana, Heriche Altan, Albert Altan.

(Reuter, JTA, AP)

France turns to Cairo

POST Middle East Affairs Correspondent

France last night asked both Egypt and Cairo-based Arab League to help obtain the release of the passengers of the hijacked Air France airliner in Entebbe. The French appeal was communicated to Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismail Fahmy and the Arab League's headquarters. Both were reported to have pledged their assistance.

France's appeal to Egypt and the Arab League for intervention was seen by observers to indicate that, despite "official" PLO denials, Paris was convinced that the hijacking was being sponsored by a faction of the Palestine Liberation Organization. It was not clear, however, which PLO faction was responsible for the actual operation. Some reports

said that it was George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, while others said it was Nayef Hawatmeh's Popular Democratic Front. At the same time, PLO chief Yasser Arafat's Fatah movement was not being ruled out as party to the crime.

It was believed especially significant that France had decided to turn particularly to Egypt in addition to the Arab League. Some observers said France's appeal to Egypt clearly implicated the Cairo regime, which was now the PLO's champion in the Arab world.

Foreign Minister Fahmy last night said over Cairo Radio that his government opposed the hijacking, adding that air piracy could only harm the Palestinian cause.

'ISRAELI COLONEL' TALKS TO AMIN

NAIROBI. — Ugandan president

Idi Amin talked yesterday by telephone with an Israeli Army officer and told him to inform the Israeli government that it must release "freedom fighters" as demanded by pro-Palestinian hijackers, Uganda Radio reported.

The hijackers today threatened to blow up their captive Air France plane and more than 200 hostages if their demands for the release of 53 prisoners in Europe, Israel and Kenya are not met by 2 o'clock this afternoon, Israel time.

Radio Uganda named the Israeli officer only as "Colonel Bar Lev" and said he was the head of the Israeli military mission in Uganda at the time of the 1971 coup that brought Amin to power.

The radio said Colonel Bar Lev had telephoned from Israel and President Amin had agreed to speak to him "because he is his best friend" back.

President Amin told Colonel Bar Lev that the hijackers held 215 hostages, including 145 Israelis and Jews.

The radio reported the president as saying the Israeli hostages had urged him to pass a message to Israel saying that their country must solve their plight immediately.

The radio said: "President Amin told Colonel Bar Lev that he was advising him as his friend to inform General Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, (former defence minister) General Dayan and the Israeli government to release the Palestinian freedom fighters as demanded by the Front." The president said the hijackers had T.N.T. and other explosives and that their demands must be met by noon GMT tomorrow.

The radio said Colonel Bar Lev had agreed to talk to his government and would call President Amin back.

Rabinowitz: VAT was inevitable

Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz yesterday told the public that there had been no choice but to impose the Value Added Tax, which takes effect today. Speaking over radio and television, he added that the tax had many advantages.

Listing the latter, Mr. Rabinowitz said it would make it possible to levy considerable sums for defence and social needs at a moderate rate per item taxed. It would thus

gradually replace Israel's current distorted system of indirect taxation, which placed heavy burdens on some items and left others, such as services, almost untouched. A first step towards ending the present system would be made through cancelling the stamp tax, he added.

He admitted that all states had found the early days of VAT a bit difficult, and called for cooperation to make the transition easier.



HOW'D YOU DO? Pupils outside a Tel Aviv school compare report cards yesterday on the last day of the school year. (See story page 3).

Burials will now be really free

By AARON SITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A major step towards guaranteed free burial was announced yesterday by the Ministry for Religious Affairs and the National Insurance Institute.

Meeting with reporters in Jerusalem, heads of the two agencies said agreement had been reached with the country's three largest hevet kadisha (burial societies) under which bereaved families would no longer be billed for permits to erect tombstones.

The permits — sometimes costing thousands of pounds — are an indirect method of collecting burial costs. Though guaranteed free burial has been an aim of the National Insurance Institute for years, the burial societies have consistently maintained that the allocations they receive from the institute are inadequate to cover their costs. As

a result, while barred from charging bereaved families for actual burial costs, they have succeeded in getting compensation through the permit charge.

These charges are based on the survivors' ability to pay, and other considerations such as the price the family pays for a tombstone.

Amiram Sivan, director of the National Insurance Institute, said these charges will no longer be levied after October 1 by the three largest societies, who at present carry out 40 per cent of all Jewish burials in this country.

"We shall allocate IL30m. a year to these three societies, so that they will not have to go after a deceased person's family," he said. There have been quite a few complaints about their efforts, and this is more serious since these complainants are families in sorrow.

David Glass, director-general of the Religious Affairs Ministry, noted that guaranteed free burial — even if all 425 societies join the scheme — will only cover some 80 per cent of the population. He explained that approximately 20 per cent of Jewish heads of families buy grave-sites during their lifetime. Prices for these plots — set in accordance with guidelines approved by the Ministry — will not change under the new agreement.

As for space, Glass said Tel Aviv was at a "crisis point" for lack of burial land. Jerusalem has a three-year supply of space right now, and more cemeteries will be laid out in the Ora and Aminadav regions.

Glass admitted that "Jerusalem has no funeral parlour worthy of the name. However, the Municipality has already approved the site for a new chapel. It will be located in Romema, up the road from the offices of *The Jerusalem Post*.

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Social and Personal

Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu yesterday attended a performance of his own historical play, "The Jewish King of Yemen," staged by the Rambam Religious School in Rosh Ha'ayin.

Shlomo Grotman, a member of the Holoan City executive, was installed Governor of Israel Rotary at a district assembly in Holoan yesterday, in the presence of Knesset Speaker Yisrael Yeshayahu, Holoan Mayor Pinhas Eylon and outgoing Rotary governor Lucien Harris of Jerusalem.

Defence Minister Shimon Peres met last night with the members of the Chicago Israel Bond Delegation, at the Tel Aviv Hilton Hotel. The 77-man delegation arrived this morning for a two-week study tour.

A lecture on chapter five of Ethics of the Fathers will be given on Saturday at 6.15 p.m. at the Beit Yisrael synagogue, Rehov Fele Yoetz, in Yemin Moshe, by Rabbi Dr. Louis Rabinowitz.

The regular Thursday meeting of the Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club will not be held this week at ZOIA House. Instead, members will meet in the home of the Australian Ambassador, to mark the conclusion of Rotary Year 1975-76.

ARRIVALS

Victor Carter, honorary chairman of the Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University, with Mrs. Carter, on business and for meetings of the Jewish Agency Board of Governors.

Ze'ev Polishuk, obstetrician, dies at 60

Prof. Ze'ev (Wolf) Polishuk, one of Israel's leading obstetricians and gynaecologists, died in Jerusalem yesterday. He was 60.

Polishuk was head of the Hadasah-Hebrew University Medical Center's Obstetrics and Gynaecology Department since 1965. The U.S.-born doctor was educated in Italy, and came to work at Hadasah in Jerusalem in 1941. During 1948, he served as doctor at the refugee camps of illegal immigrants exiled to Cyprus.

Known throughout the world for his extensive work in treating barrenness and his research on fertility problems, Polishuk had published more than 100 articles in medical and scientific journals in Israel and abroad. He is survived by his mother, his wife, a son and a daughter.

The funeral will leave from the Hadasah Medical Centre in Bin Karem at 4 p.m. today for Har Hameinuhot. During the morning hours the body will lie in state at the plaza in front of the medical school.

The American Jewish Congress Records with Profound Sadness the Passing on June 30, 1976 of

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Arthur Hertzberg, President Naomi Levine, Executive Director A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. today, Thursday, July 1, 1976 in the King David Hotel.

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No Temple Mount prayers by Jews till regulations issued, court rules

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH Jerusalem Post Reporter

The controversial decision by a Jerusalem Magistrate permitting Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount was quashed yesterday in the Jerusalem District Court. A three-judge panel, headed by Judge Miriam Ben-Porat, ruled that eight Betar youths who attempted to pray demonstratively on the Mount Temple last year were guilty of behaviour likely to cause a breach of the peace. The eight had been acquitted last January by Magistrate Ruth Or, who declared that Jews had the right to pray on the Temple Mount. Judge Or's decision was originally held to be the cause of the widespread riots which followed on the West Bank. The District Court bench — which also included an Arab and an Orthodox Jew — ruled that Jews had an unquestioned historical and legal right to pray on the Temple Mount, but this right could not be exercised until the authorities had adopted regulations fixing the time and place for such prayers, and measures for the maintenance of public order.

Noting that the Moslems for the past 1,300 years have also regarded the Temple Mount as holy, the court said "in view of the sensitive and dangerous situation prevailing against the intercommunal background, the exercise of the Jewish right of prayer on the Temple

Mount is charged with grave dangers to public order as long as no regulations are adopted." Instead of urging the adoption of such regulations, the court noted with apparent understanding the reluctance by the Religious Affairs Minister until now to do so. The Minister cannot be suspected of indifference to the question of Jewish prayer on the Temple Mount, the court said. Presumably, he has not formulated regulations "for good reasons" — whether because of religious hesitations about permitting Jews to enter the area where the Holy of Holies might have stood, or for political reasons, or both. As long as he declined to draw up regulations, said the court, prayer by Jews on the Temple Mount is banned because preservation of public order was a consideration overriding the right of Jews to pray there. "We are not discussing here Jews who go to the Temple Mount to talk to their Creator in good faith, but of prayer by a group of Jews together," said the court. It repeatedly emphasized the sensitivity of the issue. "Even if we look at this matter only from the viewpoint of a united Jerusalem, we must conclude that this is a matter which requires extreme delicacy. Real unification must be based on mutual trust, which is not easily acquired."

Despite the lengths to which it went in spelling out its reasoning

(in a 19-page decision) the court declared its uncertainty whether it had the authority to deal with the case at all. It referred to the Order in Council issued by the British Mandatory authorities in 1924, depriving the courts of the country from dealing with any "cause or matter" in connection with holy places. This responsibility was vested in the governing authorities. Previous decisions in Israeli courts have held the Order in Council to still be the law of the land. The court asked the Religious Affairs Minister, acting in this matter as successor to the Mandatory High Commissioner, to decide whether the case is within its jurisdiction. If Minister Yitzhak Rabin (at present abroad) decides that it is, then the court declared the eight youths guilty of the charges and asked that the matter be returned to Magistrate Or for sentencing. If the minister decides that the matter is not judicial, the court declared, then all court proceedings in the matter — including Magistrate Or's ruling — would be void. In this case, the court said, the Knesset and the Government might take up the matter of Jewish prayer on the Mount. On the bench with Judge Ben-Porat were Judge Yusef Raj Yihye and Judge Yehuda Weiss. Jerusalem District Attorney Michael Kirsh argued the case for the State. Attorneys Dan Meridor and Dov Shlansky represented the defendants.

Brzezinski sees no drastic change in U.S. policy after elections

By ZE'EV SCHUL AND JUDY SIEGEL Jerusalem Post Reporters

There will be no drastic change in American foreign policy after this fall's elections, even though there will probably be a new U.S. president, Prof. Zbigniew Brzezinski, Jimmy Carter's chief foreign policy adviser, said yesterday.

The 48-year-old Columbia University professor reluctantly made this prediction to reporters upon his arrival at Ben-Gurion Airport for a three-day study tour in Israel. "I came here to learn, not to make pronouncements," he said laconically. Prof. Brzezinski said he doubted that the U.S. was moving towards recognition of the PLO, but he said that the U.S. was trying to create a framework more conducive to a settlement. Commenting on the hijacking of the Air France jet on Sunday, he noted that such events are "a sign of the general deterioration of international morality, an outrageous act." He would not, however, comment on what should be done about the hijacking.

After a stopover at Yad Vashem's Holocaust Memorial, where the Polish-born (he left Poland in 1938 for Canada and later settled in the U.S.) professor was apparently deeply moved by the exhibits, he visited Foreign Minister Yigal Allon



Zbigniew Brzezinski

for discussions in private.

In a closed session later with Mayor Teddy Kollek at the Jerusalem Municipality, the visitor again did more listening than talking. Listing some of the city's accomplishments since Brzezinski had first seen Jerusalem (from the Jewish side) in 1963, Kollek said that Arabs in East Jerusalem could prepare for matriculation to Arab universities and hold Jordanian passports. The mayor added that

such privileges should, in the future, be given legal status, because "some Arabs may worry that they are temporary and wouldn't exist under every Government."

When the political scientist asked the mayor how much power he had in Jerusalem, Kollek smiled: "In theory, only a little. But everybody knows me and I get around, so in practice it is a lot."

Taken out on the roof for a view of the city after dusk, Prof. Brzezinski, a Catholic, took particular interest in the location of the holy places. But he declined to give his or Carter's position on whether the U.S. Embassy should be moved to Jerusalem (Carter, the likely Democratic candidate who depends largely on Brzezinski for foreign policy advice, has said he doesn't yet know if he would follow-through on such a commitment, though it is a "plank" in the party's convention platform).

Although he has been widely mooted to take a senior position in a Carter Administration (National Security Council chairman or even Secretary of State) and described by friends as "at least as brainy as Kissinger" but more stable in temperament, Brzezinski downplayed the talk that he is likely to take such a part in U.S. foreign affairs.

Esther won't run in national meet

TEL AVIV. — Sports circles here have been taken aback by the refusal of Esther Shachamov-Roth to return from Europe to participate in the national track and field championships this weekend. Instead Esther will be competing in an international athletics meet in Switzerland.

Esther, and her husband-coach Peter Roth, were expected back here for the weekend meet and were scheduled to return to Europe next week for the hurdler's final preparation for the Olympics.

The Israel contingent is due to leave for Canada on July 11.

Arab council head detained for 'inflammatory' remarks

Jerusalem Post Reporter

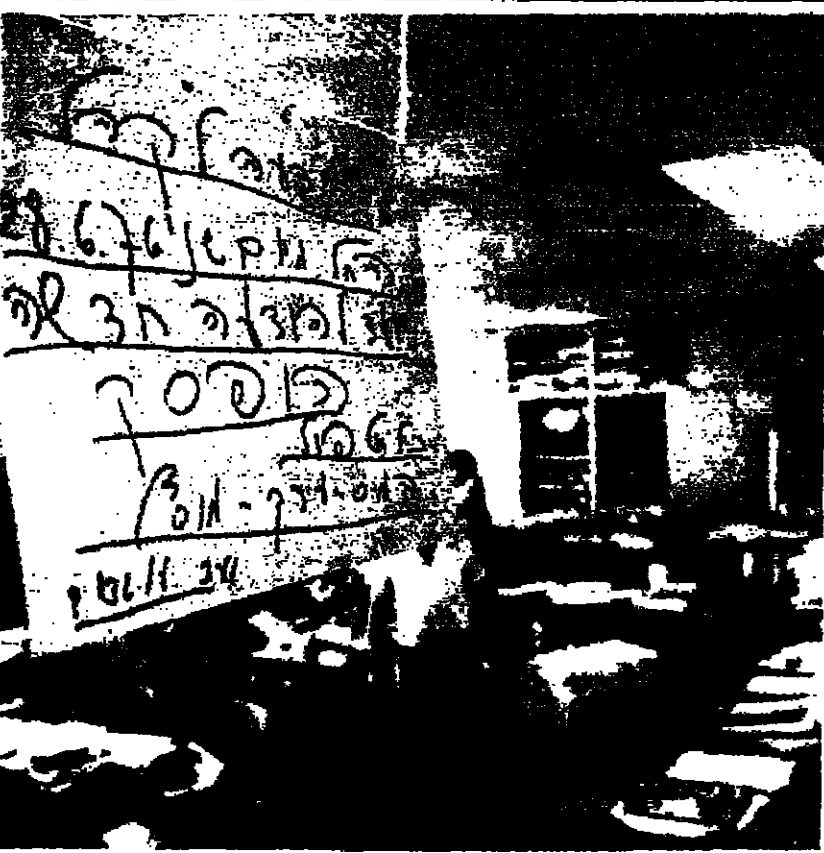
ACRE. — Rashed Salah Salim, head of the Ibbilin Local Council in Western Galilee, was arrested on Tuesday for allegedly making inflammatory statements against the State. He was released on bail the same day.

The police representative alleged in the Magistrate's Court here that Salim made inflammatory statements at a wedding celebration. He also allegedly sent a memorandum to various government officials and foreign persons — including President Sadat of Egypt and Yasser Arafat — advocating a change in the name of Israel to Israel-Palestine. It is further alleged that he "refused to cooperate."

Salim, who was elected to office recently in place of a man who had

opposed the March 30 "Arab lands" strike, claims he is being persecuted. One reason for this, he says, is that he supported the strike action, which developed into bloody incidents. Other reasons he alleges, include his refusal to sign a document requested by the Israel Lands Administration, transferring land of absent "Palestinian refugees" to the Development Authority; and his plan for a bi-national secular state to include all of Israel and Jordan, "from the bank of the Suez Canal to the Eastern Desert."

According to Salim and other villagers, the police have been conducting searches in the homes of Arabs who supported the March 30 strike. Apparently the police are looking for material connected with the riots during the strike.



Empty counters at Tel Aviv's VAT office indicate the new project is already subject to an old-established Israeli tradition — the labour dispute. The notice tells the public all VAT work has ceased from June 28 until further notice. It is signed by the works committee. (Guthmann)

VAT STARTS TODAY

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are received every day, the Treasury will take its time before taking court action against those who have not registered.

The average price increase resulting from the new tax is estimated at 5 per cent. Some items will be cheaper, especially those now exempt from purchase tax (such as cleaning materials and textiles).

The prices of most other goods will increase today. Petrol and cigarettes will increase by eight per cent as will water and electricity. The increase in prices of other goods will depend to a large extent on demand.

The merchants in the West Bank and East Jerusalem will close shops today in protest against the new tax. To reduce opposition to the tax, the Treasury has decided to delay VAT in the territories until August 1. However, prices of petrol and cigarettes, as well as imported goods, will increase there in order to prevent discrimination between Israel and the territories.

The new tax will have four different rates:

- Eight per cent on all goods and services sold. This rate applies to all dealers in the country except the following categories:
- Six per cent on financial institutions, such as banks and commercial insurance companies. These

bodies will pay the tax on total wages and profits. They will not be able to deduct the tax paid on inputs from the tax paid to the Treasury.

• Three per cent on non-profit bodies such as Kupat Holim, synagogues etc. The tax will be on the wages paid by these bodies. As in the previous group, the tax paid on inputs can not be deducted from the tax on the wages.

• Zero per cent on exports of goods and services, as well as on fresh fruits and vegetables and certain goods sold to new immigrants. The tax on the inputs paid in the production of those goods can be deducted. In fact, an exporter will receive monthly a cheque from the Treasury in the sum of the tax paid on inputs for producing the export goods.

• There are goods which are totally exempt, such as the purchase and sale of second hand personal goods (cars, apartments). Other goods exempt are rent and the transactions of a businessman with turnover under IL20,000 annually. The tax paid on inputs to produce these goods can not be deducted.

In all cases where VAT paid on inputs can not be deducted from VAT to be paid, the payments of VAT are a recognized cost deductible for income tax purposes. (Leader - Page 10)

Bigger but fewer loans for housing

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Housing Ministry will spend IL1,800m. in 1976 to help solve the housing problems of some 55,000 Israelis and their families, Housing Minister Avraham Ofri said yesterday.

Ofri was speaking at a press conference to introduce his Ministry's new housing-aid plan, which goes into effect today. The plan, he said, will provide for higher loans, but because of budget limitations it will restrict these — more than previously — to three categories of recipients: young couples from socially deprived backgrounds; families choosing to live in development areas; and families moving into sub-standard neighbourhoods which the ministry wants to attract a "better established" population.

Loans for people who decide to live in development towns will increase by between 25 and 40 per cent. The "build your own home" scheme in development areas will continue, with additional loans available, while young couples forced to rent will receive rental subsidies which will not affect their eligibility for aid when buying a flat later.

Ofri said the "three P's" programme, to aid those living in overcrowded conditions, will also be expanded, concentrating on 18 neighbourhoods in the country's more heavily populated centres.

Ben-Meir heads T.A. Labour Council



Dov Ben-Meir

TEL AVIV. — Dov Ben-Meir was last night elected secretary of the Tel Aviv Labour Council, by a majority composed of his own Labour Party faction, the Religious Workers, and the Black Panthers. The few votes against Ben-Meir — who on the eve of the election pledged to turn the Council into a "militant organization" — came from the Likud, Rakah, Moked and Ha'olam Hazeh abstained.

Ben-Meir has since 1969 served as secretary of the powerful Tel Aviv branch of the Labour Party. In an interview with The Jerusalem Post yesterday he said the Histadrut should re-organise its facilities for helping members. He wants Histadrut shops, banks and insurance company offices to be opened in poor neighbourhoods. Special help should be extended to elderly people, Ben-Meir said. He also said Histadrut employees should give private lessons to children in large-poor families.

The new secretary also wants to reach thousands of unorganised workers in small shops. Artisans working alongside one or two helpers often promise to look after the employees interests but the workers end up with the raw end of a deal. Instead of a IL1,000 a month salary and IL700 in social benefits (which are paid to funds) workers agree to get IL1,200 in cash. But when they retire they find themselves empty handed.

Ben-Meir succeeds Uri Alpert who had wanted to remain in office but was compelled to retire because of his age.

Moynihan coming to get H.U. award

The former U.S. Ambassador to the UN, Daniel Moynihan, is due to arrive in Israel tomorrow with his wife and daughter. The main purpose of his visit is to receive an honorary Ph.D. from the Hebrew University.

Mr. Moynihan is also expected to meet with top government officials here. His visit is being arranged by Harry Walker, president of Harry Walker, Inc. a veteran lecture agent.

75 DRUSE university students this week received scholarships worth a total of IL131,000.

IL10m. Wolfson gift for scholarships at Bar-Ilan

By SHOSHANA BERNBAUM Jerusalem Post Reporter

RAMAT GAN. — Students at Bar-Ilan University here yesterday cheered the news that an additional IL10m. a year is to be given out to them in scholarships along with a special IL50,000 yearly award to the most talented and excellent student.

The awards are to be made out of IL10m. scholarship fund given to the university by Sir Isaac and Lady Wolfson. The announcement was made at yesterday afternoon's graduation ceremony on the Bar-Ilan campus.

The ceremony, which opened with the entry of 1,000 Bar-Ilan graduates, continued on a sombre note as a prayer was offered for the safety of the hijacked Air France passenger by the university chancellor, Professor Joseph Lookstein.

Viewing the proceedings from the open-air platform were President Katzir, who was dressed in traditional academic black gown and mortar board, and other dignitaries. Covering a vast area in front of them were 4,000 visitors, together with the graduates, who made a colourful picture with their orange or blue berets and matching hoodies.

The first degree was awarded posthumously to Sgan Aluf Oded Erez, who fell while on active duty after the Yom Kippur War. His widow and two small children rose to receive his certificate. Among recipients of Doctor of Philosophy degrees was former Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Nisim.

After the degrees were awarded, foundation of a chair of biophysics in the name of President Katzir was announced. (Austerity-Page 3)

Paris remains firm

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staff to consider the hijackers' demands to release six jailed German terrorists, government spokesman Klaus Boelling said yesterday. "It is decisively important for us that the governments concerned arrive at a joint position and we are confident that this will be the case," he said.

Boelling said task of the crisis staff was to collect all available information about the hijacking of the French jet and its more than 260 passengers and crew and analyze the data to obtain the release of the hostages held at Entebbe airport.

He declined to state what line his government was likely to take in the negotiations, indicating that a strategy was being worked out. Chancellor Helmut Schmidt has informed opposition leaders, and state secretary Manfred Schuler was in contact with the governments of states in which the jailed terrorists are held.

The Swiss cabinet yesterday discussed the demand for the release of alleged anarchist Petra Krause. An official spokesman afterwards only said that Switzerland was in permanent contact with the other interested governments on the hijack situation.

The Canadian external affairs department said yesterday that

Donald Cameron, consul from the Canadian embassy in neighbouring Kenya, was in Kampala and has been in touch with Ugandan officials.

The gunmen yesterday warned the government of Kenya to produce five Palestinian prisoners by this morning or face reprisals, Uganda Radio said yesterday.

The radio, monitored here, quoted the PFLP as saying President Jomo Kenyatta and his administration are responsible for five Palestinians arrested by the Kenya government last January 28. Kenya has denied it holds any pro-Palestinians.

The gunmen said Kenya must disclose the whereabouts of the five before 9 a.m. tomorrow, otherwise the PFLP (Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine) "will act against Kenyatta and his government throughout the world accordingly."

(Reuters, AP)

Hillel proposed

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party's Leadership Bureau last week elected Police Minister Shlomo Hillel as the party's candidate for the post of president of the Sephardi Federation in Israel.

Hillel was nominated unanimously.

In deep sorrow we announce the death of our beloved **HANAN SCHLESINGER** Helen Schlesinger Ruth Nevo and family He bequeathed his body to science.

We announce in sorrow, the death of our mother, grandmother **CLARA ORGEL** in tier 89th year The funeral will leave the Sakhedria Funeral Parlour, Jerusalem, at 2.30 p.m. today, Thursday, July 1, 1976, for Har Hameinuhot. Fay Doron and Avital Hugh and Lena Orgel, Judy and Yael Irene Briskin and Kalonymos and the family in Israel and England.

Hadassah Woman's Zionist Organization of America Hadassah Medical Association Hadassah Council in Israel deeply mourn the death of **Prof. WOLF POLISHUK** Director of the Department of Gynaecology and Obstetrics and share in the sorrow of the family. His pupils, friends and those revering his memory will pass in front of his coffin at the Medical Centre in Ein Karem today, Thursday, July 1, 1976, from 3-4 p.m. The funeral procession will leave for Har Hameinuhot at 4 p.m.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **RAMOT SHAPIRA** WORLD YOUTH ACADEMY extends Sincere Congratulations to **Mr. Jerome H. Sisselman** Chairman, Ramot Shapira Board of Trustees on conferment of Honorary Doctorate by Bar Ilan University. ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Allon: French stand on hijack fairly encouraging so far

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter
Foreign Minister Yigal Allon said the Knesset yesterday that Israel was so far deriving a certain amount of encouragement from the fact that France was standing firmly on principle with regard to Monday's hijacking of an Air France Israel-Paris jet, and as recognizing the grave responsibility it bore.

Israel was equally encouraged by the resolve of other governments to give in to the murderers' blackmail, he continued. The Government would not rest until the hostages were freed, Allon said in reply to a motion for the agenda of Yitzhak Shamir (Likud); the Foreign Minister said the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

Turning to recent developments between the U.S. State Department and the PLO, Allon said that if LO men were in future allowed to move out of the Greater New York area, Israel would consider it a "detrimental act."

(Two PLO men accredited to the U.S. went to Washington and Chicago this week, apparently with late Department approval, and met with politicians, and they violated the terms of their travel permits by going on television.)

The Government and the nation

fully appreciated assurances by authorized U.S. spokesmen that Washington's stand on the Palestinians was unchanged, Mr. Allon said. They considered the U.S. veto of the anti-Israel resolution in the Security Council this week a courageous and inclusive expression of the American position on the Palestinian issue.

"The President and his Secretary of State lay down policy — not anonymous prattling officials," he declared. However, after the two PLO men violated the terms of the permits given them to leave Greater New York, Israel had voiced its astonishment and dissatisfaction with these visits. "Those who granted the permit fell into an undignified trap," he said.

In what seemed a reference to Senator Abraham Ribicoff, the Minister said he wished to criticize "distinguished personalities who behaved with worrisome imprudence in seeing fit to lend prestige to an organization whose members are daily slaughtering hundreds of Christians in Lebanon, in addition to their other murders, hijackings and blackmail."

Allon asked sarcastically whether the thanks the U.S. gave "the Palestinians" after the recent seaborne evacuation of Beirut has been given

because the killers had not murdered any more people, than they did. (One of those murdered was the U.S. Ambassador.)

Shamir had said in his motion that the terrorists presented Israel with a political and not a military threat. Yet the U.S. had recently chosen to aid the terrorists with political gestures. Its thanks to the terrorists, after American citizens had had to flee Lebanon because of the terrorists' own activities, was mere surrender to blackmail, Shamir said. Its permit to Shamir al-Hut to visit Washington proved there was erosion in the U.S. position on the Palestinians.

On the plane hijack, Shamir urged the Government to reconsider its ban on the death penalty for terrorists.

The terrorists carried on their nefarious operations because Israel had halted its anti-terror drive against them some years back, Shamir said. They maintained the initiative as long as Israel's strategy remained defensive. Israel must therefore resume the initiative and catch the terrorists unawares.

Meir Pe'el (Meked), who wanted the motion struck off the agenda, said Israel should stop rebuilding the U.S. and announce it was ready to talk to the PLO.



Dominican Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs Licio G. Barrios meeting yesterday with Foreign Minister Yigal Allon. Dr. de Barrios, who arrived on Monday, will be in Israel until July 5. (Photo: Shalev)

Austrian airmen look at Kfir

By ZEEV SCHUL
Jerusalem Post Aviation Correspondent
BEIN-GURION AIRPORT. — Two senior Austrian Air Force officers are currently in Israel, studying the Kfir as a possible successor to a number of again U.S.-built aircraft they are about to phase out.

The two will report to the Austrian Defence Minister, who has postponed his arrival until later this summer.

The Austrian Air Force is said to have planned the purchase of 24 new aircraft. Chancellor Bruno Kreisky took the wind out of the sails of possible objections to the sale, saying recently that the Air Force would be guided by objective criteria, such as performance and price, and would not yield to pressure whatsoever.

The two Austrian officers are Lt.-Colonel Lenzner and Major Eir- nicker. The latter is reportedly the air force's chief test pilot. The two flew yesterday morning in a tandem seater (training version) Mirage, lined up cheek to jowl with a Kfir. The two planes took off simultaneously in a low angled climb. Both officers will be undergoing a "crash program" of flight training in the Israeli aircraft. Their "course" will include use of the plane's sophisticated and highly versatile weapons delivery systems.

The Kfir is ranked among the most advanced production line fighter aircraft of its class — falling short of the highly gadgetized and sophisticated F-15/16 and Mig-23/25 generation, but able to match their performance in inter-

ception and short- to medium-range ground support assignments.

Its price is currently quoted at over \$4m, some 50 per cent below that of any comparable type on the market. The Austrians are said to be particularly attracted by the Israeli Air Force conception, which is based on actual battle experience, as well as the plane's unusual versatility.

An "Itim" report, quoting the latest issue of the reputable British "Flight International," says the Israeli Aircraft Industry is now making a strong effort to boost sales of the Kfir to countries friendly to Israel. Its list includes Singapore, Mexico and Taiwan. According to "Flight" the IAI has already produced some 100 Kfir aircraft for the Israeli Air Force, in at least three different versions.

Knesset briefs

GRADED TUITION fees will be structured to prevent parents' beating on fee payments, and also to ease the burden of middle-income families, Education Minister Aharon Adin told the Education Committee yesterday.

TAMP TAX on cheques, receipts and life insurance contracts will be abolished as of today, the Knesset Finance Committee decided yesterday. It deferred a Treasury proposal to abolish stamp tax on accounts entered (hashbonot) next April 1, because the Likud demanded that it be abolished also on July 1, 1976.

GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS would be statutorily compelled to budget funds for war emergency economic measures, under an amendment to the Budget Bill by Yitzhak Moda'i (Likud), approved yesterday on the preliminary reading. Moda'i complained that at present departments allocate trifling sums for this and mostly spend them on other purposes anyway.

JUVENILE LOCK-UPS cannot be built for the time being because of budgetary problems, despite repeated decisions to build them, Welfare Minister Zevulun Hammer told the Knesset yesterday, replying to two motions for the agenda from Menahem Yehid (Likud) and Ora Namir (Alignment) which were voted to the Public Services Committee.

'Christians, Islam must accept Israel'

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Israel is undergoing a fundamental reconsideration of its basis as a Zionist and Jewish state, according to Hebrew University historian Professor Ya'acov Talmon. He was addressing the closing session of the World Conference of Christians and Jews in Jerusalem yesterday.

Professor Talmon went on to stress that no Christian-Jewish dialogue is possible without an understanding of the meaning of the experience of Israel.

The ingathering of the Jews, contrary to the expectations of Zionist theory, had not abrogated the reasons for anti-Semitism, Talmon told the delegates from 15 countries. Instead a new and perhaps more widespread anti-Semitism had arisen. Instead of "normalizing" the Jewish people, statehood had emphasized their peculiarity.

Call for austerity at Bar-Ilan

Jerusalem Post Reporter
RAMAT GAN. — Bar-Ilan's board of trustees ended their three-day annual meeting yesterday with a call for the implementation of austerity programs in all academic and administrative departments, due to the financial crisis facing the university.

The board called on the Government to assign maximum priority to the allocation of funds for higher education, which was vital for the continued growth and security of Israel. The board felt that the university deserved special consideration regarding its financial requests.

for in this time of crisis in the search for values, tradition and Jewish identity. Bar-Ilan as a religious university, offered a unique contribution to the needs of the Jewish nation in Israel and the Diaspora.

It called for the immediate conscription of funds in Israel and abroad to supplement the budgetary cutbacks. It also appealed to Jewish communities throughout the world to send more students for extended periods of study at Bar-Ilan. (Expressing its satisfaction at the progress made in the past year in strengthening the religious and spiritual character of the university, the board called for continued efforts in this direction.)

Phillip Stollman, chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Zerah Warhaftig, chairman of the Executive Council, and Dr. Yosef Burg, chairman of the International Board of Overseers, were all re-elected.

Lebanese jam medical stations

Jerusalem Post Reporter
METULLA. — A record number of Lebanese civilians appeared yesterday at the Israeli Army clinics opened along the border to serve them.

Some 280 Lebanese sought aid at the clinic near Moshav Dovev, in the central sector of the border, and the Metulla tent clinic had about 100. At the Metulla site, ground was being cleared in the nearby orchard for a more permanent clinic.

The Dovev clinic, which opened about three weeks ago, operates on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. There were two doctors on duty there yesterday to handle the load. The Metulla clinic, which this week has been averaging 80-100 a day, may get a larger medical team if the stream of Lebanese keeps on growing. A water tank has now been installed there, from which water is piped to the Lebanese waiting on the other side of the border fence for admission.

First brit in new Netanya hospital

By SHOSHANA BIRNBAUM
Jerusalem Post Reporter
NETANYA. — Brit-mila (circumcision) ceremonies were performed earlier this week on the first two boys to be born in the newly-opened maternity ward of the Laniado Hospital here.

Yehuda, son of Michal and Haim Pirhi, and Yekutiel Yakir, offspring of Shulamit and Haim Cohen, were the focus of all eyes at the festive gathering convened on Monday to mark this double special occasion.

Michal Pirhi, calmly serene amidst the hubbub, told The Jerusalem Post that the maternity ward opened the very day she went into labour.

The hospital is in the Hassidic Kiryat Zanz quarter, whose bearded men and bejeweled women, dotted the crowd.

Built mainly by private funds, the hospital maintains only one basic rule in keeping with the orthodox atmosphere of the neighbourhood — that all employees come to work modestly dressed.

Earlier time for sacred reading

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
A Member of Knesset yesterday demanded that Israel Television's nightly reading from the Scriptures or Talmud either be advanced to an earlier hour or cancelled altogether.

At present, the 30-second feature — Pesukei Shet Yom — flashes onto the screen close to midnight, just before the late news. In a letter to Education Minister Aharon Yadin, Gela Cohen (Likud) demands that Pesukei Shet Yom be moved up to

the opening of television's nightly programme. She wrote: "By placing it at the tail end of the nightly TV fare, usually after a suspense film, this little religious nugget appears to hang in limbo; at best, a viewer thinks of it as a nuisance he must tolerate while waiting for the final news bulletin.

"The result is that instead of endearing these hallowed words or thoughts to the viewers, the opposite effect results, and many people become resentful of Pesukei Shet Yom's content."

Meat test ban unless fees are raised

Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Municipal veterinary surgeons will soon stop carrying out health tests on fish and frozen meat. Local Authorities' Union secretary-general Ze'ev Melion threatened yesterday that the union might withdraw the service unless the fees paid for it were increased.

The fees were fixed fifteen years ago, and the Union of Local Authorities has frequently appealed to the Ministries of Agriculture and Health for an increase. Local authorities receive one and a half agorot for each kilo of meat examined and one agora per kilo of fish. The municipalities contend that they need the increase to finance the tests themselves.

Yugoslavs knock Israel out of basketball Olympics

Jerusalem Post Sports Reporter
TEL AVIV. — Israel basketball on Tuesday night bowed out of the 1976 Olympics following their decisive defeat by European champions, Yugoslavia, 110:77, in the Olympic qualifying rounds in Hamilton, Canada.

Brazil, Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia yesterday were set for the final in the men's group A section of the tournament after clear victories on Tuesday.

The Yugoslavs dictated a fast pace throughout the game with Israel surging into a 62:37 lead by halftime. In the second period they increased their lead to 88:55, at which point the Israel hoppers, led

by Boaz Yanzal, produced their best basketball to reduce the margin of defeat.

Top scorers for Israel were Micky Berkowitz 20, Yanni 13 and Shmuel Avissar 15 points.

The game marked the retirement from international basketball of Tel Brodie, the 33-year-old captain of Israel. Brodie, here of many games for Israel and Tel Aviv Maccabi, appeared 78 times for the national team. He is expected to continue to play for Tel Aviv Maccabi.

Brodie immigrated to Israel from the U.S. in 1966, and more than any other single person, raised the level of Israel basketball in recent years.

Hashish ordered from police

By ARTHUR KEMELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — A Ramat Gan resident, who called a drug dealer here to order a sole of hashish, learned several hours that he had placed his order with the police, not a dealer.

Before the 30-year-old electrical goods dealer made his call to the Rehov Mishmar Hayarden apartment, police had raided the apartment and seized 700 grams of hashish, a powder suspected of

being heroin and IL21,000. Four persons were arrested, including two customers who came to buy drugs.

The police — who had remained in the apartment on the theory it was a distribution centre — set up a Monday evening appointment with the unsuspecting Ramat Gan resident. Instead of getting his sole of hashish, he was detained for 48 hours. A search of his Rehov Haroe apartment revealed small quantities of hashish, 100 grams of heroin and marijuana.

School year ends under shadow of budget cuts

By ERMIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The school year ended yesterday for most of the country's school population, which grew by 23,000 last year to stand at 1,035,000 — a solid third of the entire population.

Budget cuts cast their shadow over the year, with retrenchment and the curtailment of new programmes in many fields of educational activity, Ministry spokesman Yisrael Cohen, said yesterday.

During the year some 30,000 11th and 12th grade pupils took part in special courses on Judaism and Zionism, given in 14 seminars set up by the Ministry. About 1,500 teachers also took part in workshops on the same subject.

The country's 58 teacher training colleges had an enrolment of 13,400 this year, including 200 new immigrants. Among the student teachers and kindergarten teachers are also some 500 young from development towns, who have undertaken to work in their home towns upon graduation. The 4,300 teachers graduating this year included 400 Arabs.

The following were among a list of brief items about the 1975/76 school year, cited by the spokesman.

- Yiddish and Ladino will in future be included as bagrut subjects.
- A committee was set up to investigate ways of lightening the load of books carried in youngsters' schoolbags.
- The first vocational school for Negev Beduin was opened.
- The average number of pupils in elementary school classes rose by 0.1 per cent, to stand at 27.5.
- IL2.5m. in incentives were given to 442 teachers who moved to development towns.
- Plans were approved for the absorption in kibbutzim of 1,100 deprived children.
- A first course in reading and writing was started for the women of the Ezerayel Beduin tribe in the Negev.
- The first State elementary school was opened in the southern part of the Golan Heights.
- The Ministry saved IL1.5m. by re-examining income statements by parents of 1,200 high school pupils and cancelling the tuition exemptions of some of them.
- Community centres operated (after school hours) in 14 school buildings.

NOTICE TO CIGARETTE RETAILERS

As from July 1, 1976, the retail and wholesale prices of cigarettes, including V.A.T. will be as listed below:

Brand	Price per packet of 20 cigarettes, including V.A.T. IL	Retailer price for a carton of 50 packets, including V.A.T. IL	Amount of V.A.T. included in the price of a carton of 50 packets, to be paid by the retailer IL
Broadway, Time 100	5.00	235.47	1.08
Time, Europe, Time Menthol, Sheraton, Nelson Filter, Savoy	4.50	203.44	0.86
Royal, Nelson, Noblesse Filter, Telstar	3.60	170.71	0.69
Ascot, Dubek Filter, Eden, Polaris, Montblanc	2.60	122.65	0.55
Dubek 18	1.80	84.59	0.41
El Al	1.40	66.00	0.30
Silon	1.30	62.24	0.21
Ayalon	1.20	57.56	0.19

These prices apply to all cigarette purchases and include packets carrying on their handkerchiefs lower prices than those listed above.

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5. 4-week reading and writing — for those who speak fluent Hebrew	July 26, 1976 September 12, 1976

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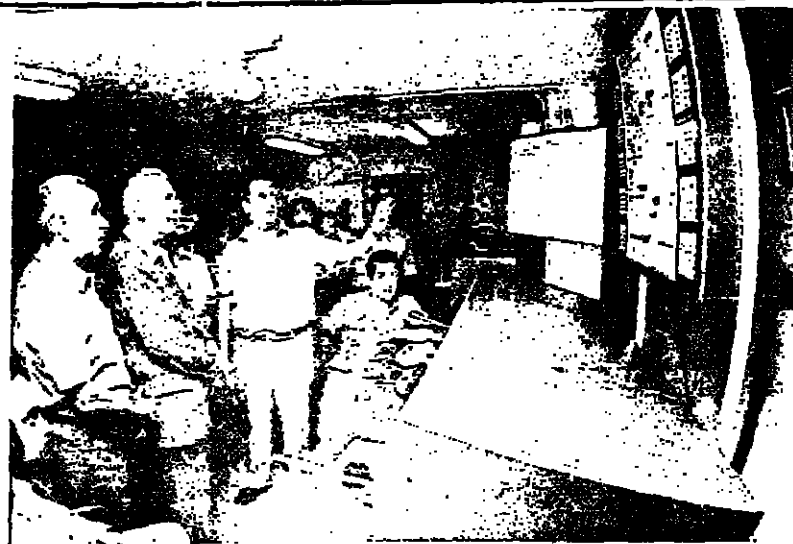
HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!

Jerusalem residents and visitors from the U.S. are invited to mark the American Bicentennial on Friday, July 2, 11.45 a.m., at the site of the

Liberty Bell Garden

corner of King David and Jabotinsky Streets, Jerusalem. American visitors from selected cities will be photographed at the bell site for their home-town newspapers, from 11.15 a.m.

LOCAL NEWS



The 23rd lottery of the Magen David Adom was opened officially on Tuesday night at its centre in Yad Eliyahu, with President Ezer Weizman donating 111,500 worth of tickets to the Police-men's Fund. Minister of Health Victor Shemtov donated a hundred tickets to an old-age home for Bulgarian immigrants. President Katzir is shown viewing the MDA control centre.

Crew strikes MFC ship on docking in Haifa

By YAACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Maritime Fruit Carrier company's refrigeration ship, Persimmon Core, the last of the company's seven Israeli flag ships still sailing, was struck by her crew yesterday afternoon, immediately upon her arrival here. The ship, which was carrying half-a-million cases of Californian oranges to Rotterdam, had been diverted to Haifa by her master, Captain Ephraim Marcovitz, against company orders, for fear of bloodshed from the crew, who had not been paid for months.

Although the diversion had been condemned as a possible mutiny at sea, no complaint was lodged with the police, and everything was quite calm on board the ship when it anchored yesterday. The ship was manned by 13 Israeli officers, some accompanied by their wives and children, and 20 foreign sailors during its 22-day voyage. The officers and ratings unions, after talking with the captain, decided to give him the "full backing of the whole merchant navy."

The strike was ordered by the unions, to protect the men's rights and to divert a possible mutiny into a labour dispute, as well as to attempt to keep the ships under the Israeli flag and assure jobs for their union members. The unions' lawyers also prepared an application for attachment of the ship, over the \$70,000 in unpaid wages the crew claims, for possible filing in the admiralty court today.

Meanwhile, the crews of three other company ships, which the firm is holding in Japanese harbours, had vacation orders served to them by Japanese courts. But the unions instructed them to reject them and to physically resist any attempt to force them off the vessels, so the creditors could seize the ships. In the afternoon, the unions were warned by the crew of a fourth MFC vessel, which is being held in Germany, that the local police might try to dislodge them. The unions ordered the men to forcibly resist and if necessary to use firearms. At the same time, the creditors' banks put out feelers to the unions for an amicable settlement, and the unions yesterday called back proposing a meeting to discuss the issue. The unions' greatest concern is for the jobs, as only the MFC ships need marine refrigeration engineers.

Immediately after the Persimmon Core dropped anchor in the bay, the coastal police boarded for a routine border control and asked the captain whether he wished to lodge a complaint against the crew. The captain declined, stating that the decision to divert the ship to Haifa had been his alone. The next

boat to approach the gangway, which bore a large streamer: "on strike," was filled with heads of the union, the Haifa manager of the MFC, and newsmen.

As soon as we boarded the ship, the crew told us that they had decided "not to talk to the press." We waited for nearly two hours, while the union heads and their legal advisers talked with Captain Marcovitz, who also declined to meet the press. Officers union counsel, Yisrael Gil, read a statement, pledging the two unions' full support for the captain's action. "After studying the official ship's log and related documents and talking to the captain, we are convinced that his action was proper both from the point of view of the law and of good seamanship," it read. Under the vigorous pressure of the crew to return to the home port in order to assure their wages, "he had no other course."

Mr. Gil quoted from the log, which reported a stormy crew meeting at sea on June 24, in which the men had expressed their concern at a possible violent confrontation with the Dutch authorities in Amsterdam, and general violence had been threatened. The captain, according to the log, had warned them that he would stand for no nonsense, and if necessary use his gun to stop any violence.

According to the log, the next day, before the ship had passed Gibraltar, "the voyage's rubicon," the captain contacted the operations officer of the Swedish company, which charters the MFC refrigeration ships, and explained the position to him. "The officer expressed his understanding and even told me to go full speed ahead to Haifa," the log read. Mr. Gil said that the captain had tape-recorded this crucial conversation, which appeared to rule out the mutiny charge.

Next, Alex Shour, Haifa manager of the MFC, received a report of the voyage from Captain Marcovitz and he later stated that he would decide whether to lodge an official complaint with the police, after consultations. The Transport Ministry will also decide on possible action after its inspectors have had a preliminary investigation.

Some of the crew and their wives then went ashore, and the ship remained at anchor in the bay, the \$5m. worth of oranges kept fresh in her deep-freeze holds, pending a settlement of the dispute. On board, the foreign ratings, including Filipinos and South Americans, kept themselves amused with Latin American music, with no sign of mutiny or bloodshed. Thanks, according to officers union secretary Alon Shapira, to "Captain Marcovitz' wise handling of the affair."

Joint action by Diaspora, Israel wanted

Special to The Jerusalem Post
Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress, opened the 12th American-Israel "Dialogue" here on Tuesday night with a call for "serious joint consultation and action" between Diaspora Jewry and the State of Israel.

"I do not mean to deny either the sovereignty or the pre-eminence of Israel's political leadership," he said, "but the rest of the Jewish world must be brought into the ongoing process of thinking and planning to deal with our inter-related problems."

In his address on the "Dialogue" theme, "The Contemporary Meaning of Zionism: New Definitions and New Directions," Rabbi Hertzberg said U.S. Jews accepted the "centrality of Israel" not as a call to move to the Jewish state, but as a way of keeping their own Jewishness alive.

"The prime task of Zionism today," he said, "is to mount a rescue operation so every Jewish child receives some kind of Jewish education, some direct experience of Israel early in his life, so that he is challenged with the possibility of opting for aliyah."

Former Foreign Minister Abba Eban told the American Jewish Congress-sponsored symposium that "for the first time in our history, Diaspora Jewry is not giving that of which Israel stands in the greatest need."

He said Israel's "pathos and peril" lay in the country's "demographic drought" and called on world Jewry to "meet this challenge."

At the Van Leer Institute yesterday, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress, argued that Zionism was "always more than state-building" and that "the task that remains — creating a society — could not begin until Israel's security was ensured."

While asserting that "Israel is still a young state and therefore cannot yet be judged," he warned against what he called "the tendency toward idolatry of the state as an end in itself rather than as an instrument for implementing the prophetic ideals of the Jewish people."

By JACK LEON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

WIMBLEDON. — Top Israeli Hagit Zuhari and Shlomo Glickstein were both bundled unceremoniously out of the Wimbledon junior tennis championships on Tuesday evening, each going down rather tamely to straight-set defeats in the opening round of the 40-nation event.

Hagit was beaten 6-3, 6-3 by Holland's No. 1 junior Inga Korsten. Glickstein went down 6-2, 6-2 to Australian Charles Fancutt.

By unhappy coincidence, the two junior matches were played at exactly the same time, forcing the small group of Israelis and other supporters present to try without much success to keep their eyes on both contests simultaneously. (Luckily, at least they were held on adjoining courts.)

Hagit, 16, took the court against her 17-year-old Dutch opponent, Yohanna Shalem, in the men's rankings, did not carry the weight of shots to seriously challenge Fancutt, Australia's third-ranking under-19 player.

Glickstein was also let down by his service, which included numerous double faults, while his opponent's own great return-of-service added to his woes. On the fast grass surface, Glickstein was far below his best form, and, again like Hagit, he was guilty of some careless shots.

The Tel Avivian contributed to her own downfall by poor service, which she lost in four games out of five in the first set and three out of five in the second. Hagit's best shot was a forehand cross-court drive, used to particularly good effect in the final set, when she came from behind to reach 3-4.

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Residents of the northern Italian town of Magenta sun themselves yesterday in the bed of the Ticino River, dried out by the drought now hitting Europe. (UPI telephoto)

Goolagong to meet Evert tomorrow

LONDON. — Top seeds Chris Evert and Evonne Goolagong, two players of vastly differing styles, achieved common objective yesterday when they reached the women's final at the Wimbledon tennis championships.

The mechanical precision of Evert's baseline game eventually carried her past Czechoslovak Martina Navratilova 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, while in the other semi-final Goolagong, swept jauntily past Britain's Virginia Wade 6-1, 6-2.

Whoever wins tomorrow's final — the third meeting between the two on grass — will be Wimbledon champion for a second time. Goolagong took the title in 1971 and Evert won it two years ago.

An occasional backhand pass from Goolagong, struck with grace and power, enriched the match, but otherwise it was a drab affair. Wade's volleying was particularly awry and her game generally was never more than mediocre.

For the first time this week, there was a breeze to take the edge

off the furnace heat which has accompanied the championships. But rather than providing Wade with relief, it merely unsettled her and she did not hold service until the fifth game of the second set.

Goolagong, who has just completed a highly successful Virginia Slims tour in the U.S., earning even more than the affluent Chris Evert, conceded just 16 points in the first set. Wade broke the Australian's service to love in the third game for her solitary success.

After the semi-final matches, Evert rated Goolagong as the favourite for Saturday.

"She has beaten me the last two times we've played, and I've never beaten her on grass," said the American. "She's the favourite. I'll be trying to hit my ground strokes deep and well. That's my game, trying to force her into errors."

"I'm excited about playing her. She has a way of lifting my level of tennis. I don't remember ever playing poorly against her."

(Reuters)

OAU ministers draft tough anti-S.A. measures

PORT LOUIS, Mauritius. — Arab and African foreign ministers yesterday put the finishing touches to a series of tough anti-South African resolutions and other measures on the Middle East, Djibouti and the Western Sahara.

The measures, worked out during a week of talks in this Indian Ocean port city, must still be formally approved by a full ministerial meeting of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and then by a heads of state meeting starting tomorrow before becoming official OAU policy.

Delegates from the 48 member states devoted the bulk of their discussions to South Africa following the recent riots there in which more than 170 persons were killed and 1,100 injured. They reached broad consensus on the toughest set of anti-Apartheid measures in the organization's history.

Plan to boycott the Olympic Games in Montreal unless New Zealand is banned because of its sporting links with South Africa.

The unleashing of the "armed struggle" (guerrilla war) against South Africa and stepped up economic, military and diplomatic aid to banned South African liberation groups and black African states.

Establishment of a special committee to review the situation in South Africa.

Strengthening economic sanctions against Pretoria including a "recommendation" to Arab states to step up an already existing oil embargo and another to OAU member states to refuse air space and landing rights to international air carriers operating in South Africa.

On the Middle East ministers speedily approved a draft supporting Israel for continued occupation of Arab lands and calling for closer cooperation with the Palestine Liberation Organization. (UPI)

SAKHAROV APPEALS

MOSCOW. — Nobel Peace Prize laureate Dr. Andrei D. Sakharov and other Soviet dissidents appealed to European Communist leaders on Tuesday to guarantee civil rights in their countries, especially the Soviet Union.

The appeal was in the form of an open letter to the leaders of the parties who ended a two-day conference yesterday in East Berlin.

AJC leader Polier dies
Shad Polier, 70, a veteran leader of the American Jewish Congress, died in New York yesterday. A constitutional lawyer of national repute, Mr. Polier was also an officer of the World Jewish Congress, the Memorial Foundation for Jewish Culture and the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany.

Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg, president of the American Jewish Congress, will conduct a memorial service for Mr. Polier in the King David Hotel at 6:00 p.m. today.

Those garrulous Tel Avivians

Tel Aviv residents are the biggest telephone talkers, according to Communication Ministry statistics. During the first three months of 1976, says the ministry, Tel Aviv residents used an average of 302 message units per person; Jerusalem residents used 258; Haifa third with 218; while rural residents in the centre and south of Israel used an average of 144 message units, and residents of the north only 70 per person.

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The Municipality of Rehovot invites contractors to submit bids for sewerage works comprising laying of force main between the existing pumping station near the Beit Oved-Yavne road and the existing sewage treatment plant.

Tender Documents and Forms of Tender can be obtained against payment of IL400.— (non returnable) from the office of the City Engineer. Prospective bidders should submit their bids in two copies on the tender form provided and in compliance with the conditions of tender.

Bids accompanied by a bank guarantee of 5% of the bid total, valid for a period of 120 days from the last date set for submission of bids should be placed in the tender box or sent by registered post to arrive not later than 12 noon on August 15, 1976.

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Bids may be submitted by contractors who have been prequalified for the Israel Sewerage Project for works of a value of at least IL1,000,000.

Bids may be submitted by contractors who are registered in the Contractor's Register under Section 1: sewage, drainage and water works, for works of a value of at least IL1,000,000. These contractors will have to apply for qualification.

A site inspection for contractors will be held on July 11, 1976, leaving from the office of the City Engineer at 10 a.m.

The Tender Board is not bound to accept the lowest or any proposal for the entire Tender or parts thereof.

Sh. Rechtman
Mayor

Connors' glamorous girl friend, protective mom, blamed for defeat

WIMBLEDON. — The two women in American Jimmy Connors' life — his mother and his glamorous girl friend — cost him the Wimbledon championship, his ex-manager, Bill Riordan, charged on Tuesday.

Riordan spoke to reporters as the dejected Connors swept off in a blue Mercedes with his girl friend, former Miss World Marjorie Wallace, after being knocked out of the tournament.

Roscoe Tanner of the U.S. upset the top-seeded Connors in the quarter-finals 6-4, 6-2, 8-6.

"When you are playing tennis at this level," Riordan said, "you can't afford to be rushing around after your girls all the time. He should not have to look after anyone."

"If I was involved I would have sent Marjorie home," said Riordan who is suing the 23-year-old Connors over his dismissal last year.

"She is obviously a distraction. It is a question of him having to wait on her, see she has tickets, and see she is looked after. That is not what his mind should be on."

Riordan said he has "nothing against Marjorie personally. I think she is very charming, but on this occasion she just shouldn't have been there."

Riordan added that he believed Mrs. Gloria Connors has possibly taken too big a part in her son's life and that Connors is suffering from "too much Momism."

"I think she ought to ease up a bit on him," Riordan said. "After all he is nearly 24. I think there is a time to leave the nest and that time has come. Of course, his

mother should be there to watch him. I have great respect for her and she has made him the great tennis player he is."

Mrs. Connors and Miss Wallace shared the tension of Connors' losing match as they sat together in the front row of the VIP box. Miss Wallace, dressed in a blue chequerboard top and white jeans, hid most of her feelings behind huge tinted sunglasses. Mrs. Connors became more and more dejected as her son's fortunes waned.

Connors seemed to take the defeat hard and the usually talkative player gave no interviews. Miss Wallace's comment to reporters was "go away and leave us alone."

Tanner, 24, who was beaten by Connors last year in the Wimbledon semi-final, said he "was not out there for revenge. But it feels awfully good to beat him here."

Tanner and Connors have been playing tennis together since they were boys.

State Dept. rejects Democrats' call for embassy in J'lem
WASHINGTON. — The State Department, responding to questions about the Democratic Party's platform which calls for U.S. recognition of Jerusalem as Israel's capital and moving the American embassy there from Tel Aviv, said on Tuesday, that the U.S. government does not want to say any final decision on the status of Jerusalem before an overall settlement, because this might "prejudice" the outcome of the negotiations.

The Department's spokesman, Robert Fumesh, said that the matter of Jerusalem's status has been left "unresolved" since 1949, following the Arab War of Independence.

But he said that, as a matter of practice, the U.S. has agreed to deal with Israeli governmental officials in Jerusalem, although maintaining its embassy in Tel Aviv.

The spokesman, who was prepared for questioning on this sensitive subject, pointed out that only 13 foreign countries have their embassies in Jerusalem, while 17 have theirs in Tel Aviv.

He added that no American administration, since 1949, has taken a different position from that adopted by that of President Ford. He did not know whether any Arab government had complained to the U.S. regarding the Democratic Party platform.

President Ford, in 1972, before becoming president, publicly called for the moving of the embassy to Jerusalem, but since then has failed to implement his recommendation.

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IN BRIEF

Bomb damages Lisbon building

LISBON. — A bomb destroyed the front entrance of the Communist-dominated Trade Union Confederation here yesterday, slightly injuring a man leaving the building.

The blast, which shattered nearby windows and damaged parked cars, came three days after the election of President Antonio Ramalho Eanes, who is committed to restoring law and order.

The Socialist Party issued a statement forecasting that the extreme left and the extreme right would do all they could to prevent representative democracy being installed in Portugal. (Reuters)

147 die in Jakarta quake

JAKARTA. — At least 147 persons were reported killed in an earthquake in Indonesia's West Irian province last Friday, "Sinar Harapan" newspaper reported from the province yesterday.

It said the quake destroyed several villages, with a total population of 6,000 and covering an area of about 100 square miles near the border of Papua New Guinea.

The paper's correspondent said it had magnitude of 7.1 on the Richter scale. Earlier, the Jakarta meteorology department had reported a quake in Papua New Guinea with a magnitude of 5.3. (AP)

Amalrik cancels emigration plans

MOSCOW. — Dissident historian Andrei Amalrik said yesterday that he would not leave the Soviet Union today after authorities slapped heavy duties on paintings he wanted to take with him and forbade him to export several antiques.

Amalrik told Western reporters that on hearing of the \$5,300 duty, he went to the office of the Soviet state airline Aeroflot and cancelled reservations for him and his wife Gyuzele to fly to Amsterdam today.

The 37-year-old author of the essay "Will the Soviet Union Survive until 1984?" collected exit visas to Israel last week, although he said he had no intention of going there. (Reuters)

Australia to keep watch on Soviets

CANBERRA. — Australia is to join the U.S. in stepping up surveillance of Soviet military activity in the Indian Ocean, Defence Minister Jim Killin said yesterday.

Speaking on his return from talks with U.S. defence chiefs, Killin described the Soviet military build-up in the ocean as "alarming" and "almost frenzied" and said it represented a threat to Australia.

U.S. officials had asked for Australian cooperation in spreading reconnaissance and surveillance in the area and had offered the use of the island base of Diego Garcia for Australian ships and aircraft. Killin said. (Reuters)

Action ends on foreign aid bill

WASHINGTON. — The Senate completed congressional action on Tuesday on a \$5.9b. 15-month U.S. foreign aid appropriation bill.

The compromise bill, passed by the House of Representatives on Monday, was sent to the White House by voice vote in the Senate.

The bill provides a total of \$2,475b. in grants and credits for Israel. (AP)

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It won't be a Ford-Reagan ticket

Washington Insight / Joseph Kraft

HINGTON. — President Gerald and his men have good reason to be optimistic about the possibility of putting Ford on the ticket as vice-presidential candidate in November. But the reasons are more from a tactic of decision — heading off a drift to an — than from any serious intent.

If Ford wins the nomination, an and other running mates more appealing to the party the country than Reagan. That is especially to the area where an is poison — the Northeast Great Lakes states, which are ng up as increasingly crucial ny Republican win over De- at Jimmy Carter.

Understand all this it is neces- to analyse Ford's dicey posi- in the race for the nomination. he is reasonably close to 130 delegates necessary to win nomination, he has an obvious ness.

ch of the support supposedly uted to the President — and generally counted in his n — is soft. Delegates who early for the President sup- d him with their heads on the lation that he was a sure er anyway.

w that Reagan has emerged possible winner, their hearts

come into play. They are more and more attuned to the conservative chords which Reagan touches so skilfully. As a result there has been some backsliding in the Ford camp.

In the New York delegation, for example, the Associated Press originally counted 119 votes for Ford. A reassessment the other day shows that eight delegates had slipped into the uncommitted column.

In Pennsylvania, the original count was 88 delegates for Ford. Now 18 have slipped into the independent column, leaving only 70 for Ford.

In these conditions, it behooves the Fordites to spread the word that the President would gladly take Reagan on his team as Vice-Presidential candidate. By seeming to lean in the direction of the former California governor, the President gives those with second thoughts a chance to have their cake and eat it. They can be for both Ford and Reagan.

Once he has the nomination, how- ever — and it is by no means sure that he can get it — Ford has a different perspective on Reagan. For one thing he doesn't have to be all that nice to the former movie star to reunite the party. He can achieve that goal by taking on

board as big deals in his own cam- paign the leading figures supporting Reagan. Indeed, some of these — notably the campaign director, John Sears — are so good that Ford would gain enormously by having them on his side.

Now is Reagan country unreach- able for Ford in the general elec- tion. A great many of the states carried by Governor Reagan in the primaries would go for Ford in the Presidential vote.

Arizona, for example, where Rea- gan virtually wiped out the presi- dent, is sure to go for Ford in November if he is the Republican nominee. The Arizona model applies to most of the area between the Mississippi River and the Pacific Coast states. That region will go Republican, as it did in 1960 and 1968, no matter who the party nominates.

To be sure, there are three big states in the South and West which are up for grabs where Reagan has important pulling-power. Cal- ifornia, Texas and Florida. But former Texas Governor John Con- nally, a better campaigner and far more able man, could help Ford more than Reagan in those states. Especially Texas, which he could

probably carry as Vice-Presidential candidate, and California, where Reagan might well be a liability.

More important are the North- eastern and Great Lakes states. Jimmy Carter is clearly vulnerable here. In the primaries, he lost Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey and Illinois, and only barely carried Michigan, Connecticut and Pennsylvania. But whatever chance Ford has of doing well in this area would be scotched by the presence of Reagan on the ticket.

Indeed, the snail of a Ford-Reagan ticket has given Republicans from the Northwest a new case of Gold- water fever. Vince Albano, the Re- publican leader of Manhattan, said of a Ford-Reagan ticket that "in the East it would kill us." One of Vice-President Nelson Rockefeller's henchmen, George Himm, told the Republican National Committee that the prospect of a Ford-Reagan ticket might revive a Rockefeller candidacy. Though that declaration has been denied by the Vice-Presi- dent, talk continues to circulate here in Washington of a Ford-Rockefel- der ticket.

So while a central mystery ob- scures the name of the Republican Presidential nominee, one thing seems clear. If Ford comes out on top, his No. 2 will not be Ronald Reagan.



The British and American mercenaries sentenced to death for their activities in the Angolan civil war "could be dead by the end of the week," Jack Dromey, who attended the trial in Luanda, said on Tuesday on returning to London. The mercenaries are seen standing in the dock as they awaited sentencing on Monday. American Daniel Gearhart (extreme right) was one of four sentenced to die, along with Britons Costas Georgiou, Andrew MacKenzie and John Barker. American Gary Acker (second from right) was given 16 years. Dromey, who attended the trial as a member of the Angolan-convicted International Commission into Mercenaries, declared that the death sentences would only be commuted if the British were prepared to stamp out mercenary recruitment. (AP radiophoto)

Senate c'tte okays reappointment

General Brown scores Jewish 'influence'

WASHINGTON. — The Senate Armed Services Committee on Tues- day approved Gen. George Brown for another two-year term as chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff despite his renewed com- plaint about the influence of the Jewish lobby.

The 13-2 vote in favour of reap- pointment came after two hours of additional questioning of Brown behind closed doors.

Sen. Thomas McIntyre, Democrat- New Hampshire, one of those op- posing reappointment, said the gen- eral's remarks to the committee on Monday indicated "no substantive change in his attitudes" despite a presidential reprimand in 1974 for saying that Jews owned the U.S. banks and newspapers and have too much influence on Congress.

When asked by Sen. Robert Taft, republican-Ohio, about remarks he made in an October 1974 speech, Brown replied he had said three things, "two of which were wrong and one of which was inappropriate."

He indicated the wrong state- ments were ones that Jews own the banks and the newspapers of the U.S. He said the inappropriate one was "that I felt that the Jew- ish community in the U.S. had an undue influence on the Congress of the U.S."

Asked if he still believed if that was true, Brown said, "in all candour I do, but I feel it is not un- usual. There are other special in- terest groups that have influence or seek to achieve influence in the Congress of the U.S."

He later explained that he did not imply "anything sinister, wrong, or illegal" in lobbying on behalf of Israel.

Taft joined McIntyre in voting against Brown's confirmation, say- ing the general's responses "show a lack of sensitivity to public opinion that is particularly inap- propriate for one in his position."

Taft said he questioned Brown on a number of key issues in de- fence posture "and some of his replies have raised doubts in my mind as to his full understanding, judgment, or articulation relating to some of those issues."

Chairman John C. Stennis said the lopsided committee vote indi- cates full Senate confirmation of Brown for a second term as the top U.S. military officer. Brown's first term expired yesterday.

McIntyre, who called for Brown's resignation in 1974 after the gen- eral's remarks about the Jewish lobby at a Duke University seminar, again suggested that Brown "step down voluntarily for the good of his country." (AP,UPI)

Fashion Week in summer too

By JOANNA YEHIEL

Israel's export-oriented International Fashion Week, until now a winter event only, based in Tel Aviv, is expanding its activities to include a summer show, which will be held in Jerusalem. The event will be staged at the Jerusalem Hilton from August 23 to 27, where foreign buyers will get their chance to see what Israeli firms are offer- ing for spring and summer 1977.

Some 90 firms are due to take part, and the aim is to make Sum- mer Fashion Week an annual event; at least as successful as its winter counterpart (which drew a record 600 buyers from abroad in Febru- ary).

The decision to go bi-annual re- flects a feeling of confidence in the fashion world that Israel is a ser- ious factor in international markets. Yael Matelon, director of the Fashion Centre of the Israel Export Insti- tute, told the press yesterday that Israel was following international practice by having summer and winter showings.

Jerusalem's mayor, Teddy Kollek, saw the week from the civic point of view: "We are trying to put Jerusalem on the fashion map. In fact, we have been trying to put Jerusalem on the map of a lot of things — theatre and music, for example — and we feel that an integral part of this cultural drive is fashion." Mayor Kollek will be doing his bit for the fashion world during his British stopover next week, en route to the U.S. Bicen- tennial celebrations. In London he will be meeting with Marks and Spencer buyers for talks.

Foreign buyers have come to the realization that Israel is a good place to shop for fashion, according to Fashion Centre chairman Arye Frenkel. He cites three reasons, apart from the high quality of the local product: high import tariffs on goods of far eastern origin, political instability in Israel's com- petitor countries, and the economic recovery in the U.S. (UPI)

After U.S. vetoes Council move on Palestinians Herzog raps UN's 'paranoic obsession with Israel'

ED NATIONS. — Israel Am- bodor Chaim Herzog denounced Security Council debate on re- nominations of the General As- sly's committee on Palestinian as on Tuesday as a "further siple of the miserable behaviour ie UN under Arab instigation."

Herzog, whose delegation boycot- the month-long debate, issued a uement after the U.S. vetoed a cil resolution affirming Pales- n rights.

he debate in the Security Coun- on the Palestine issue is yet rther example of the miserable viour of the UN under Arab gation engaging in its paranoic ssion with Israel while ignoring human tragedy of Lebanon for 15th month running," he said. his was a PLO (Palestine Lib- n Organization)-sponsored and gated report (of the Assembly nittee) and discussion, in which bers of the Security Council ipated while the PLO was yged in its traditional hijacking ncent passengers and civilian es and bringing death, slaughter destruction to fellow Arabs in Lebanon."

Herzog said the committee's pro- s — for Israeli withdrawal all Arab territory by next 1, and for the return of Pales- n refugees to property held by el — were "designed to bring the dismantlement of the e of Israel" and the resolution

defeated in the Council concerning them was entirely one-sided, biased and hostile.

"The Security Council saw fit to discuss in all seriousness the committee's report," he said, "while 15,000 Syrian troops were marching into Lebanon and while refugees in camps there were being bombed and strafed day after day by their Arab brethren."

"During the 11 hideous months of the war in Lebanon, 20,000 to 30,000 people have been brutally killed and mutilated, and perhaps three times that number have been wounded and maimed. Yet the UN has never once discussed that human tragedy and threat to inter- national peace and security, simply because the Arab states have pro- nounced the issue taboo," Herzog charged.

The veto was cast Tuesday by U.S. representative Albert Sherer Jr., sitting in for ambassador Wil- iam Scrantom, who is on an African tour. It put a long-expected end to a Council debate held sporadi- cally since June 9 on a report by the "committee on the exercise of the inalienable rights of the Pales- tinian people."

The report called for Israeli with- drawal from occupied Arab lands, the phased establishment of a Palestinian "entity" in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and after that, "further arrangements for the full implementation of the inalien-

able rights of the Palestinian people."

The U.S. veto killed a drive by the PLO to have the Council at least "take note" of the report. The report itself still goes on the next fall's General Assembly, where it is guaranteed overwhelming support from the Third World and Communist majority.

Although Sherer was alone in voting against the resolution, Britain, France, Italy and Sweden obtained on grounds that the report concentrated on only one aspect of the Mideast problem.

Explaining his vote, Sherer said the U.S. government didn't doubt that the committee's effort had been "well intentioned. But ... is it realistic to assume much a problem can be resolved by committees, no matter how well meaning?"

He said the resolution was "total- ly devoid of balance" and added that the "political interests" of the Palestinians must remain a ques- tion for Israeli-Arab negotiations. (UPI, AP)

U.S., Syria negotiating Hercules sale

By WOLF BLITZER

WASHINGTON. — American sources said on Tuesday that the Lockheed Aircraft Company was currently negotiating the sale of four L-100 transport planes to Syria and another two planes to Iraq. The L-100 is the civilian version of the C-130 Hercules military transport plane.

The State Department spokesman officially confirmed that agreement in principle has been given for Syria to purchase the plane. He said that he did not know whether Iraq had also been approved. But American officials here privately confirmed that Iraq could purchase the plane.

The Jerusalem Post first reported the agreement in principle for the sale to Syria on June 20. That report led to Israel's request for clarification to the State Depart- ment, which confirmed the report.

Spokesman Robert Funseth on Tuesday told reporters that Israel has expressed concern over the deal to the State Department.

Funseth stressed that the L100 is a purely commercial aircraft, and that the proposed sale does not represent the establishment of a U.S.-Syrian military supply relationship. He did not know how many planes were involved. Aviation experts said there is little difference between the L-100 and C-130.

Meanwhile, the State Department reiterated that the U.S. still remains prepared to sell Jordan an advanced Hawk air-defence system. Funseth said that he was unaware whether Jordan had negotiated an agreement for a similar Sam system with the Soviet Union during King Hussein's recent visit to Moscow.

American sources said that Hus- sein had promised the U.S. Amba- sador in Amman, Thomas Pickering, before leaving Jordan for Moscow, that he would not commit Jordan to a deal with the Soviets without first discussing the matter once again with the U.S.

Some observers here expressed optimism that a Jordan-Soviet deal had not been worked out and re- ferred to the avoidance of any men- tion of military sales to Jordan in the joint communique issued in Moc- cow.

EEC opens road for Athens to be 10th member

LUXEMBOURG. — The Common Market has set the stage for ne- gotiations next month to make Greece its 10th member and decid- ed to get its stalled negotiations with the eastern Arab states going again.

The European Economic Commu- nity foreign ministers, holding one of their regular meetings here, on Tuesday night gave experts until July 8, to find a solution which would allow Greece to join.

The problem is complicated be- cause it also entails economic and financial aid to Turkey, which seeks widest possible access for its agri- cultural products.

Italy has opposed this competition, and Common Market sources said any final agreement would involve some form of compensation to Italy.

On the Arabs, EEC officials said the ministers feel the way is clear for talks to resume with Egypt, Syria and Jordan now that the overall \$350m. aid-package for these countries and Lebanon had been agreed.

'Ford offered Red China ties after elections'

TOKYO. — The U.S. and China will establish diplomatic relations after the presidential election under an agreement President Ford reached with Chinese leaders when he visit- ing Peking last year, a leading Japanese newspaper said yesterday.

"Mainichi Shimbun," said that Peking and Washington will adopt a "Japan formula" in setting up diplomatic ties.

Under that formula, the U.S. will sever its relations with the Na-

tionalist Chinese government on Taiwan but will continue to retain economic and cultural ties with the island, which Peking has been call- ing an integral part of China.

(In Washington, the State Depart- ment said there was no truth in the report. State Department spokes- man Robert L. Funseth said: "The Administration position regarding normalcy of relations with the PRC has been stated in recent weeks many times. The normalization of

relations is the goal envisaged in the Shanghai communique, but no timetable has been set for the com- pletion of the process. That remains U.S. policy."

"Mainichi" said the U.S. has al- ready informed Taiwan of its in- tention to scrap its diplomatic rela- tions in favour of establishment ties with the Peking regime.

The Japanese Foreign Ministry officially declined to comment on the newspaper report. (UPI)



British officer in Hongkong's police force takes a little ribbing from Miss Israel, Rena Messinger, centre, and Miss Germany, ridett Hammer, during a visit by contestants in the Miss Uni- verse competition to a police post near the Hongkong-China border. The two girls are among about 70 contestants participat- ing in this year's contest, to be held in Hongkong on July 11. (AP radiophoto)

K to Iran in August

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Kissinger may visit Iran and other Middle Eastern states during first week in August, the State department said Tuesday.

"That's a possibility, but no final sion has yet been made," spokes- man Robert Funseth said.

Asked whether other countries in Middle East would be included such a proposed visit, Funseth said: "There are some other sibilities. I am not in a position say."

Asked whether Israel was being nsidered, he said: "I don't know."

Seychelles dedicated to peace

VICTORIA, Seychelles Republic. — James Mancham, President of the Seychelles Republic which became independent on Monday after 166 years of British rule, told a press conference Tuesday his country was dedicated to the idea of making the Indian Ocean a zone of peace.

"We believe the big powers should keep out of the Indian Ocean," the 37-year-old president said. "But when we know they are there any- way we would rather see a bal- anced situation than a one-sided presence."

Mancham was being questioned about the presence of a U.S. naval base on Diego Garcia, on the fringe of the scattered Seychelles Archi- pelago. (Reuters)



ATTENTION

Members of Kupat Holim Maccabi incorporating Kupat Holim Assaf

The following is the text of a letter, dated June 6, 1976, sent to us by the Israel Pharmacists' Association (Union).

Prof. E. Freudenthal
Director of Kupat Holim Maccabi (incorporating Assaf)
10A Behov Balfour
Tel Aviv

Most honoured sir,

In light of the situation created by the non-renewal of the exemption on the part of the Income Tax Commission, and the introduction of deduction at source from the total due to pharmacists and pharmacy owners for the supply of medicines to those insured by your institution, we are to defer the signing of a contract with you until new arrangements are finalized making it possible for pharmacists and for our Association to continue the supply of medicines to those insured by your institution.

Effective July 1, 1976, the Secretary of our Association will not handle collection, coordination, and transfer of accounts to your institution for the purpose of reimbursement.

Our pharmacist members will continue to supply medicines according to prescriptions recommended by your institution's physicians against full payment. They will confirm receipt of the sum on the prescription and/or on a special receipt, in order to make it possible for those insured in your institution to receive reimbursement.

We hope that Government institutions will understand that cancellation of the exemption will cause much suffering to those insured by your institution. This we regret.

Most respectfully yours,
Mgr. E. Bass
Chairman
Mgr. A. Friedman
Secretary
(—)

The contents of the letter speak for themselves. Kupat Holim Maccabi, incorporating Kupat Holim Assaf, is not a party to the controversy between the Pharmacists' Association and the tax authorities, and sees this step of the Association as an attempt to exploit the sick and disabled members of our institution who need medicines. This is obviously designed to activate pressure on the Finance Ministry.

Kupat Holim Maccabi, incorporating Kupat Holim Assaf, is prepared to make alternate arrangements for the supply of medicines to its members. Meanwhile, members who are refused medicines, on the Kupa's account at pharmacies, are requested to pay for medicaments. They should specifically demand the account tab which shows that V.A.T. has been paid according to law. Members should keep the prescription together with this tab, which will also serve as a receipt, in order to be reimbursed.

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From IMAGES OF AMERICA by photographer Harvey Lloyd who will present a multi-media programme at Tel Aviv Museum, July 6, at the Wise Auditorium, Hebrew University, July 7, as part of the United States Cultural Centre's Bicentennial Celebrations.

IN SUMMER one may dream of elaborate meals, but inevitably one ends by preparing something quick. In winter I'm often prepared to go to great lengths to create exotic dishes, but the idea of standing over a hot stove in July usually wilts my enthusiasm before I even light the gas.

Meatballs and gravy with mashed potatoes may sound a fattening meal, but it needn't be so, and preparation time is only 20 minutes. The most important element is the meat itself. If you can afford it, it's best to use lean, freshly ground beef. Try to persuade your butcher to mince it before your very eyes. He'll probably point to something he says he'd just finished mincing five minutes before you walked in, but explain that you have this phobia which you cannot overcome. Or just tell him that you're dieting... he's sure to comment on how skinny you are, and you'll both feel invigorated

FIGURE IT OUT Judie Oron

Cooking for the summer

Shape the meat mixture into balls of 1 tbs. each. Place gently into the pot with the vegetables, cover tightly and simmer until the meat is thoroughly steamed (about 10-15 minutes). Grand total for the meat is 870 calories. Serves 3. Each portion — 290 calories.

Boil one potato per person, cut up (90 calories per person). Mash and whip lightly with a fork together with either ½ tsp. lemon juice and salt (5 calories), or with a small amount of pure milk powder (i.e., Coffee Mate) and water (10 calories). In all, 95-100 calories to make 395 - 400 calories for the entire meal.

If you don't feel like potatoes, but do crave something fattening, treat yourself to a serving of the mushrooms and gravy on a slice of toast as an appetiser. In that case, almost any boiled vegetable will do nicely for mopping up all those mushrooms and sauce.

Begin by cooking in a medium-sized pot two packages of Tetra diet mushroom soup (90 calories) according to directions on the package. Dice finely 1 onion (25 calories) and 1 cup of mushrooms (30 calories) and add to the soup. Simmer gently until the vegetables are tender (about 5 minutes). In a bowl, mix 300 gr. minced beef (800 calories) and 1 cup bread crumbs (85 calories). Season with a dash of Tabasco and Worcester sauce, garlic powder and salt.

Why French farmers curse the sun

NEVER in living memory has the sun in France been so cursed for shining.

The country is in the grip of a drought such as it has only known three times in the past 100 years, and the forecasts are that all records will be broken before the autumn. Drought is bad enough in Britain, which is not intensively farmed. France is the kitchen garden of Europe, and drought is bringing tragedy to hundreds of thousands of families and threatens to burn a large hole in the national budget by the end of the year.

Every day for weeks past the sun has risen into a blue sky and reached the west at evening without once encountering a cloud. It has long since boiled away the village duckponds, leaving the ducks grounded in cracked deserts. It has burned the pasture in the path of browsing cattle, dried the seed of the spring-sown crops lying unspurred in the dusty fields and poisoned fish in rivers where there is no fresh water to dilute the pollution.

The worst hit areas are those that are normally the greenest — the country north of a line between

By ROBIN SMYTH

Bordeaux and Strasbourg. In parts of Normandy and Brittany hardly any rain has fallen since mid-February. Starving cattle are eating the hayfields that should feed them next winter or are grazing in the shrivelled green corn that the farmer has despaired of harvesting. The price of hay has doubled and many farmers are sending cattle to slaughter because they can no longer feed them.

The country's electricity supply is being affected by the shrinking rivers. Already the State-run electricity company has slightly lowered the voltage of domestic lighting and industry may have to face periodic supply cuts soon.

Only in the driest places, however, are there as yet definite instructions to householders to stop watering their gardens and washing their cars. But there is a moral pressure building up to limit the use of water.

The civic feeling of Frenchmen will be measured this summer by the

colour of their lawns," says Christian Bonnet, the Minister of Agriculture.

The Government is deeply concerned about the welfare and temper of the farming community. "The farmers' living standards will be maintained," assures Michel Poniatowski, the Minister of the Interior. But a full accounting of the losses of individuals will only be made at the end of September. Even without the drought the troubles of France's farmers quickly arouse them to fury, especially in areas like Brittany where there is separatist feeling. Will their desperation boil over before the autumn?

Finally, there is the threat of fire. Each summer, even when there is rain, fire destroys large tracts of France's southern forests in July and August. Now, in full summer heat, the forests are drier than ever before and the first fires have started.

So far, the Atlantic storms are sweeping off to the north without hitting France. Will the inexorable weather pattern be broken? The meteorologists report that as yet there is no relief in sight. (Ofns)

ONCE upon a time at Jib was the Biblical Gibeon. "... a great city... like one of the royal cities... and all its men were mighty." (Joshua 9:1-2). Today at Jib is a small Arab village between Jerusalem and Ramallah, holding to ancient ways as firmly as its stone houses cling to limestone ridges encircling the love-ly hill.

Visit at Jib in the afternoon. If you can, when the transparent end-of-the-day light makes magic. Drive up the hillside road into the village past the broad bedrock shelves on the western slopes of the hill. In the summer when the wheat harvest is in and the wind blows, the villagers stand on these rock floors and thresh their grain. They know now that beneath their vineyards and orchards lies ancient Gibeon, or Givon.

The American archaeologist James B. Pritchard came to Jib to excavate in 1956, certain from its location and from the sound of the name that he would discover the remains of Givon. He stayed to dig for four summer seasons. Much of what Pritchard discovered has been reburied to permit the fertile soil to bear its fruits. But if we know where to look, Givon is still there for us to see.

Leave your car in the open area at the top of the hill and walk along the path parallel to the stone wall of the cemetery until you see on your left an open bedrock area pocked with holes. Find a way down the bank. You are standing now in Gibeon of the Bible, the city through whose gates these walls for 4000 years housed and sheltered the people of the Bible.

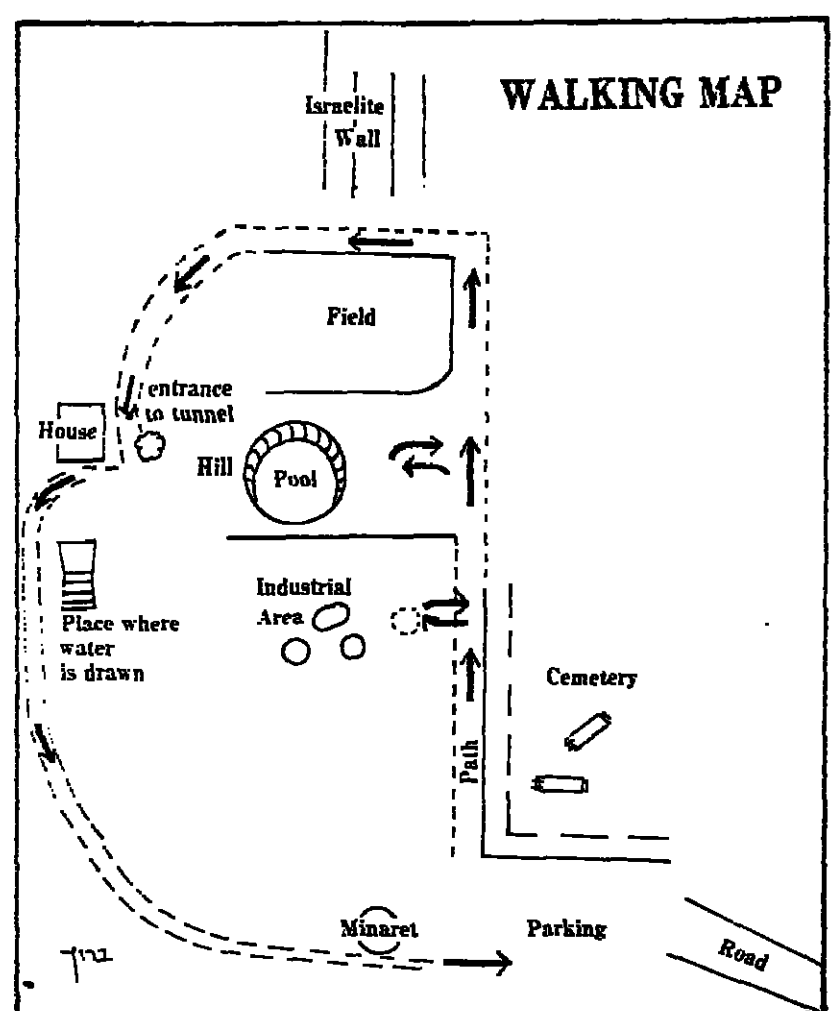
Givon — we shall use the Hebrew name from now on — appeared on the Biblical stage about the 12th century B.C.E., when Joshua arrived to conquer it, only to have his prize denied him by being tricked into a covenant of peace by the town's crafty Hivite residents (Joshua 9). But where we stand above the perforated rock is a reminder of daily life and industry rather than conquest and bloodshed. This reminder takes the form of holes, about a metre in diameter, which are entrances to flask shaped "cellars."

Archaeologists believe that wine jugs were stacked two layers deep in these cool cellars. Remains from the other stages in the process of wine-making — treading basins, fermentation vats and settling tanks, stoppers and jugs, a funnel, and most precious of all — jug handles inscribed in Hebrew with the name of "Givon" and with five popular Biblical names, possibly those of the town's wine merchants. Hard to imagine today, but Pritchard calculated that almost 100,000 litres of wine could have been stored in these wine cellars.

Leave the wine industry now and climb toward the prominent mound of dirt a few metres away. There, below the dirt pile, which until recently filled and obscured it, is a marvel of hand labour. Carved from

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Re-discovering ancient Gibeon



the bedrock in the 12th or 11th century B.C.E. is an 11-metre-deep pit encircled by a staircase with protective balustrade. Unseen, below the bottom of this pit the stone stairs continue in a tunnel another 15 metres to a water room fed by seepage from the underground spring six metres away. In the "pool of Givon" spoken of in II Samuel 13, the place where the 12 men of Saul and the 12 men of David "met together at the pool of Givon..." the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side... Although not a pool, it is certainly a monument which men would know and remark about and perhaps call by that name. Astonishing though it may seem, this great stairwell seems to have been a failure, probably because insufficient water seeped into its water room. Notice

how little worn are the steps and remember them in a few minutes when you walk inside the tunnel which successfully provided a way for the Givonites to reach their water supply in times of siege.

RETURN now to the main path, continuing straight for a short distance until you can turn left, skirting a cultivated field. The hardly noticeable heaps of stone on the right are fragments of an Israelite city wall. Following a narrow dirt path down the eastern flank of the hill behind an Arab house brings you to a clear opening in the rock cliff. If you thought of bringing the candles, then you can penetrate the darkness with the same flickering light used by the Givonites. On the right a passage leads to the cistern room which was filled by abundant water flowing

through a feeder tunnel from the spring buried deep within the hill. The cistern room, blocked from the outside by a stone door when attackers were at the gates, could be reached safely from inside the city walls by descending the flight of 93 steps in front of you. Feel with your feet the deeply worn depressions in these steps and with your hands the smoothness of the walls where the water-carriers reached out for support. Oil lamps once flickered in the wall niches. Observe the roof of the tunnel as first you walk through a portion carved from the rock and then into a section which was originally cut as a trench and then covered with stone slabs. What is not easily seen is that at the upper end — now blocked — the stairs were again tunnelled through solid rock in order to pass beneath the city walls. Also invisible to us today is the sharp left angle of the stairs by which they avoided the edge of the earlier "pool" just before opening into the city.

The spring of al Jib has been a hidden treasure during all its known 5,000 years' life as a city. And so it is today. Don't leave the water tunnel the way you came to it but rather turn left as you come out, past the house and down a small slope to where the women now draw their water. Their path up into the village, past the minaret, will lead you — perhaps reluctantly — back to your car.

The tunnel, the "pool," the industrial area — these are the remains from the relatively few Israelite years of Givon's long, long history. But what years these were! The Bible mentions Givon and its people 45 times and perhaps nowhere more poetically than in Joshua's words when he spoke to God "on the day when the Lord delivered the Amorites into the hands of Israel, and said in the presence of Israel: Stand still, O sun, in Givon, stand, moon, in the Vale of Ayalon... Never before or since has there been such a day as this on which God heeded a human being's request — for God fought for Israel (Joshua 10:12-14).

SOME special instructions. To reach al Jib follow the road north from Jerusalem toward Ramallah. Turn left at the Pereg factory, then left again (the sign says Latrun) after almost 4 kms. at al Jib. Alternative return route to Jerusalem is via road through Biddu and Nebi Samwil (short stretches are a bit rough).

Suggested reading before, after or during visit: Pritchard, "Where the Sun Stood Still." Bear in mind that al Jib is a traditional Arab village, with many customs regarding modesty similar to those in Orthodox Jewish districts. Although there is no need to conform to traditional ways, neither is there reason to flaunt our differences.

Fiddle n' banjo

By BENYAMIN EDRACHI
Special Jerusalem Post Correspondent

first began playing the guitar only this past year under the tutelage of Bruce Brill.

Bruce has been organizing folk music evenings at the Tavvia Club in Jerusalem, arranging a library at the Rubin Academy, and playing fiddle at local restaurants. Interrupted by a three year stint in the U.S. Army, teaching is his profession but he prefers not to teach here.

His sister, Rachel, is studying for her M.A. in English Literature at the Hebrew University. She is a folksinger and specializes in English, Irish, and American ballads and has sung in clubs in New York and Washington, and now in Jerusalem.

In addition to being a banjo player, Leonard Wurzel is a banjo builder. Apart from his full-time work as a carpenter, he has built what are believed to be the first made-in-Israel "Five-stringers" ever. He comes from Long Island and after

studying at an Ulpan at Kibbutz Ein Hashofet moved to Jerusalem where he's been plucking strings and tickling ears in the process.

Michael Golomb's a Shlomo Carlebach-style hippie "pentent." His laughing blue eyes bring a smile to the faces of all with whom he comes in contact — in the street, in buses, or on the stage when he plays tambourine, spoons, and the Jew's harp. Where did he learn to play this strange assortment of instruments? "Heck, you don't learn to play them in Alabama (where he hails from), you just play them!"

These five young people do have some things in common: love of their native country; love of their adopted country; love of their music; and, love of peanut butter. Yes... particularly the Israeli variety called "Egogon." In fact, they named their group after it: "Gush-Egogon" (literally, "a blob of peanut butter"). They even asked the Egogon company to outfit them with imprinted shirts.

"Although we were serious when we sent off the letter, we thought it would be considered a spoof," Lenny said. "We really didn't expect any response."

But Gush-Egogon got a positive response. They'll have their matching shirts by July 4; and then they'll have something else in common.

Omer's 25th birthday

By SRAJA SHAPIRO

"OMER", which celebrates its 25th birthday today, could well borrow the slogan of a Partisan contemporary: "You can keep abreast of the news by reading us for less than five minutes."

The four page Hebrew daily gives accounts of all the important news of the day, comments on it, has advertisements — as well as a short glossary in several languages of the more difficult Hebrew expressions. Moreover, the text is fully "vocalized", that is, provided with the dots and dashes which enable the reader to distinguish between identically written spelled words. For "Omer" was established to serve newcomers whose knowledge of Hebrew hardly exceeds the 2,000 words acquired at an Ulpan.

Meir Barzil, who has been editing "Omer" for the past eight years, is still fascinated by his job. It is a mission, a daily service. All over the country there are former readers of "Omer" who now read the normal, unvocalized, daily press. On the average, a newcomer reads "Omer" for three years. Older people may retain the habit longer. Some teachers urge newcomers to read unvocalized texts as soon as possible. A mistake, Barzil thinks. Because it engenders a false interpretation of unfamiliar words.

Published jointly by "Davar" and the Histadrut, "Omer" is produced by a remarkably small staff. The editors' main job is to sift the news and present it clearly, in the simplest words. They also have to provide a sentence or two of background information. A reader of "Omer" is not likely to know that on "Black Saturday" thirty years ago the British Administration made an unsuccessful bid to disarm the Hagana once and for all.

The readers of "Omer" react vividly to what they read and write numerous letters to the editor. Some want to contribute. One of the early reader-contributors was a newcomer who signed his contributions in the newly-adopted language with a new-created name: Ephraim Kishon. Another newcomer became a roving reporter, also signing with a Hebrew name. She was Hanna Zemer, who has since become the editor-in-chief of "Davar."

DANCE NEWS

DORA SOWDEN

AN INTERESTING visit now in Israel is Joseph Lazrini, whose choreography was at one time the talk of Europe. His spectacular ballets for the "Theatre Francaise de Danse" won prizes and he has also choreographed in New York, Italy and Portugal. Here under the auspices of the French Ministry of Culture, he is giving classes at the Batseva studios in Tel Aviv and at the Rubin Academy in Jerusalem. He is also mounting one of his ballets for the French Classical Ballet.

Also here to teach is Dutch classical ballet master Peter Appel, now director of the Cologne Dance Academy, but soon moving to the Hamburg Opera Ballet. He is teaching for a month at the Dance Centre in Haifa and will choreograph ballets for the next programme of the Haifa Piccolo Ballet.

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THE FIRST TIME I met Sam Hamburg was when he came into my office at the Ministry of Agriculture 24 years ago. I had known his family in Pinak and had heard he was considered to be one of the best farmers in California. A tall and burly man, with a voice that rolled like thunder, he told me then that he had first come to this country at the age of 15, to study at the Tel Aviv Gymnasium. He joined the Jewish Legion in the First World War and after demobilization went to study agriculture at the University of California.

With a degree and 25 dollars in his pocket he went to settle in the Californian desert. With his own hands he dug a well and when he found water, he began to establish a farm on the spot. After 30 years of hard work his 40,000 dunam farm was known all over the state as one of its most successful agricultural enterprises.

That day in my office, I told Hamburg about the state of Israeli agriculture which, at the time, was in the initial stages of development. In view of the soil and climate conditions and the national water project, Sam was convinced that cotton was the answer to Israel's agricultural problems. We knew very little about cotton-growing, assuming it to be a crop demanding cheap manual labour. But Sam assured us that he had solved this problem on his farm by introducing mechanical picking. He persuaded us to skip the experimental stage and go over straight away to producing the crop on a commercial basis.

Excited by the idea, Sam began touring the country, choosing the Beisan Valley as the site of a farm to be irrigated by the waters of the Jordan. Later he sent to Israel an irrigation planning engineer, a foreman and a complete set of tools and machines for cotton-growing

purchased with his own money.

The growing of cotton in Israel became Sam's life. Every month or so he would make the long flight from California in order to supervise the work at "Havat Shmuel," so named in his honour. During the day he would wander in the fields and in the evenings, sit with the farm workers expounding his ideas on agriculture. Under his guidance the agro-technical level of Israeli agriculture was raised considerably within a short span of time. Sam's project was crowned with unusual success — from a few hundred dunams planted with cotton at Havat Shmuel, the crop expanded yearly until it covered an area of 300,000 dunam and became one of Israel's most important crops, grossing nearly 100 million dollars a year.

He then turned his attention to other branches of agriculture and brought with him on each visit information about agricultural innovations he thought might be introduced here. It was thus that we began using liquid fertilizer, producing tomatoes for the canning industry and expanding almond-growing.

Golda Meir was then Foreign Minister and it was her idea that Sam should become involved in Israel's technical assistance to African nations. He worked in various countries making use of his American connections and acting as a representative of the State of Israel. Unfortunately, he was unable to continue this work for long. On one of his visits to Africa he contracted a rare disease which left him partially paralysed and with impaired hearing.

When he regained sufficient strength Sam came back to Israel. Despite his physical disabilities he continued making the rounds of the fields at Havat Shmuel and giving

advice to the farmers who crowded around him eagerly. At this point he was willing to hand over the management of the Californian farm to his son and to settle in Israel but for personal reasons this could not be done. He returned to California and continued working on the farm until his health forced him to give it up. Eventually he sold the place but continued living there, serving as an adviser to the company which bought it.

The tragic death of his son two years ago was a blow from which Sam never really recovered. When I visited him I found him in serious physical condition but his mind was as clear as ever. All of plans for the development of Israeli agriculture. He was proud of Israel's accomplishments and the help he was able to give in his own special way. He was aware of the problems, too. Ever since the Yom Kippur War, Sam has been anxious about the future of the State, and worried by its financial and social developments. At the same time he longed to be here, but this was not to be.

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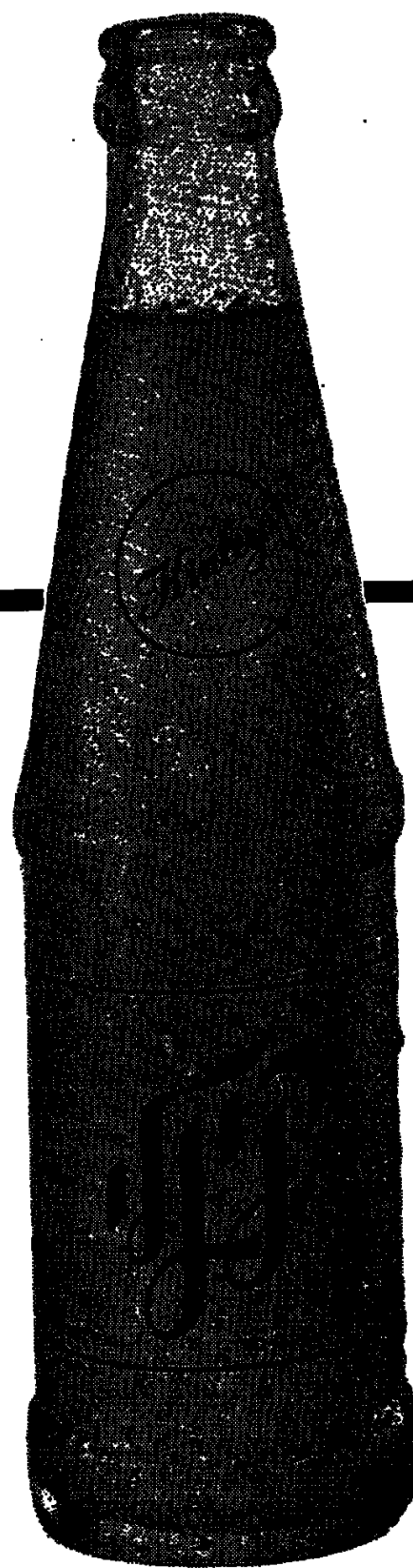
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(*) Section 9 (13) of the New Income Tax Ordinance

Birth pangs of a tax

THE VALUE ADDED TAX, which came into force at midnight, is being received among the general public in a spirit of gloomy resignation. The absence of enthusiasm is due not so much, as might have been expected, to the addition of yet another financial burden, but rather to the administrative complications that entrap it.

Treasury experts blithely assure everybody that, like diving into a pool on a winter's day, the beginning is the worst. You gradually get used to it. People engaged in trade ought to be keeping books anyway, and not only for income tax purposes. Filing receipts makes sure that the same bill is not paid twice. Drawing up accounts helps the entrepreneur to know what is happening to his business.

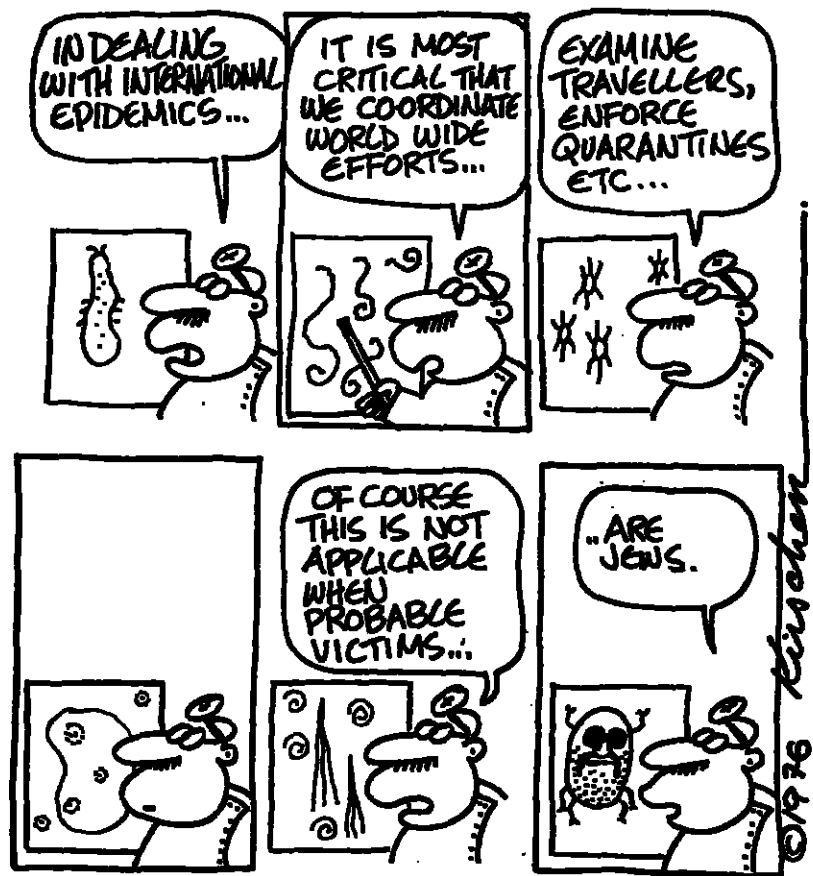
The introduction of VAT would have been a more auspicious event had it replaced, as it was meant to, all the other indirect taxes — or almost all. Customs, of course, has to remain, and the luxury tax; but no more than that. As it is, the sales tax is with us still, and the excise, and the stamp dues. And more is the pity.

The second blight spoiling the occasion is the untimely dispute started by the tax officials themselves. It is reminiscent of the strike that marred the opening of Ashdod port 12 years ago, and which served as a portent.

The recent tussle over the "special allowance" has proved one thing clearly, that the tax office will not succeed in getting an edge in salaries over other departments of State. The Government, which had approved the special allowance at the time, bloodied its nose in that encounter, and is not likely to make the same mistake twice.

Several hard tests thus face Finance Minister Rabinowitz (sponsor of this tax reform) from the word go. Everyone must be made to keep books, whether he likes it or not. Residents of the administered areas will be obliged, a month from now, to abide by the new regulations, like everybody else. And the tax officials should be brought to comply with the wage contract negotiated for them by the Civil Servants Union, like all other civil servants.

Dry Bones



ISRAEL PRESS

DAVAT (Hiradut) notes that most of the hijackers' demands are directed at Israel. Consequently, even though responsibility falls on the French and Ugandan Governments, the problem is undoubtedly an Israeli one. "In similar circumstances in the past when hostages were taken on Israeli soil, the policy was not to give in to terrorist demands. But when they were taken elsewhere, the reaction depended on the circumstances: when a plane was hijacked to Algeria, Israel gave in to the hijackers' demands. But when the Israeli Embassy in Thailand was seized, the Thai Government stood firm and this influenced Israel's decision. Today Israel is in a difficult position: It cannot ignore the fate of the passengers held hostage in a country with which Israel has no diplomatic ties... Naturally, surrender by Israel would have far-reaching implications. It would convince terrorists everywhere that extortion through terrorism pays. It is thus the concern of the international community to ensure that this will not be the outcome.

"In its international contacts, Israel must stress that the case of the Air France plane should be taken out of its Israeli context."

HA'ARETZ (Independent) notes with approval that France has rejected any discrimination in the treatment of the passengers and hopes that the other governments involved will follow suit: solidarity with Israel on their part might thwart the hijackers' plans.

"It is the duty of the Israel Government to strengthen the position to those who share its ordeal. Many precedents prove that allowing the victims of terrorism to be separated reinforces the terrorists, and giving in to their demands encourages others to similar acts. It is to be hoped that the French Government will explain to President Idi Amin Dada the responsibility that falls on Uganda where possible plans for saving the hostages are concerned."

READERS' LETTERS

DRAWING A CONSTITUENCY MAP

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I would like to raise several points that were insufficiently stressed in Naomi Shepherd's article on electoral reform June 18.

The job of drawing a constituency map is a particularly sticky business. Normally, the electoral cartographer has to ensure that each of his districts, that they are compact (an effort to avoid overt gerrymandering) and that the elements comprising them are geographically contiguous. A fourth, and for Israel, important criterion is that of geographical homogeneity, that the constituencies should be recognizable as geographical entities by the electorate. If we were to follow these guidelines and produce 18 five-member constituencies according to the Ya'acobi suggestion, then we could not avoid creating either constituencies that would include, for instance, Kiryat Hayovel and Ramle, or Western Carmel/Zichrim Ya'acov/Kiryat Ata as another example, or constituencies that were of unequal numbers of electors. Districts of the first kind though compact, contiguous and with equal representation obviously fall down on the fourth factor, homogeneity. The second kind would disenfranchise large numbers of people. Certainly, several alternative proposals for the number and size of the constituencies would have to be examined afresh and the possible consequences examined.

Secondly, the geographical subdivision of the country into electoral

districts is certainly a lot less influential on the outcome of the election than the method used to count the vote. With multi-seat constituencies and a system of proportional representation, there is much less chance of gerrymandering than under British or American style elections where the winner takes all. The two most common methods of counting and distributing votes in proportional systems each would have produced totally different results at both the 1969 and 1973 elections in Israel, irrespective of the geographical subdivision.

Notwithstanding the relative unimportance of the geographical subdivision in overall terms, it must be recognized that gerrymandering would be a terrible temptation, particularly in urban areas, where it could be relatively easily used to shut out any possibility of the smaller parties gaining representation. Recent research from the United Kingdom has shown that even where there are totally independent boundary commissions to fix the boundaries of constituencies, covert gerrymandering will still take place for purely statistical reasons related to the law of probability. Consider the possibility in Israel where it is that little bit more difficult to divorce oneself from partisan consideration.

Certainly, the whole problem is much more complex than many of those who support a change in the system would appear or want to believe.

Dr. STANLEY WATKINSON
Haifa

A SHARED EXPERIENCE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I found Mary Hadar's article on the Lamaze method of prepared childbirth (psychoprophylaxis) of June 18 very interesting and the discussion of the halachic problems particularly intriguing because, during the years that I taught the technique in New York, the question never arose, and many of my students were Orthodox and Hassidic couples.

While I cannot encourage "pregnant couples" strongly enough that the husband's presence and help have immeasurable value, it is possible to be flexible within the framework of the Lamaze technique and accommodate different situations. For instance, I trained women whose husbands were in the Army in Vietnam to be either alone or with a female companion when they went into labour. By no means an optimal situation, but it works. Religious men do not need to touch their wives if they feel it is forbidden; yet they can provide a great deal of support, timing contractions and counting the correct breathing

rhythm. For those couples where it is not possible, or the husband does not wish to accompany his wife at all during labour, going to classes together will still give a feeling of participation; the husband can help his wife practise the techniques at home, and when she does go into labour, he knows what to expect and doesn't sit in the waiting room imagining all sorts of frightening things.

One final word about husband participation: many men are somewhat squeamish about the presence of a birth because of the following rationale — "I don't mind pain for myself, but I don't know how I will react to seeing my wife in pain and if I am weak, she will be contemptuous of me." In reality, this simply does not happen; just as the conception of the child wasn't a one-sided business, the child's birth deserves to be an experience the couple can share and incorporate into the emotional fabric of their marriage.

(Mrs.) SARAH COOKE
S.E.N., S.C.M.
Jerusalem.

THE PASSOVER PLOT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — At the beginning of May, the Ecumenical Committee in Nazareth, which includes representatives of all the Christian denominations, appealed for support to stop the filming of "The Passover Plot."

Following this, a meeting took place between representatives of the Ecumenical Committee and Dr. Kogan of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Mr. Avshalom Abellah, representative of the Film Department of the Ministry of Trade and Commerce. Mr. Abellah said that his Ministry had rejected the script of the film when it was presented to them for approval and this rejection meant no financial or technical help. The Advisory Committee, the body which rejected the script, believed that it was offensive to Christian beliefs and would stir up the feelings of the Christians in this country.

Dr. Kogan said that the Ministry of Religious Affairs understood the feelings of anger on the part of the Christians about this film and believed that they were justified. As a result, the producers of the film will have to turn to the Censorship Board for a permit to show it as an imported film.

We therefore appeal to the Censorship Board not to allow the showing of this film in the country on the basis of the relevant laws. We find ourselves obliged to repeat that we shall uphold our decision to close our churches to tourists and visitors if we feel there is an inclination to permit showing the film in the country.

MONTHER GRATIE,
Secretary,
FATHER KOZMAN BOUHEI,
Chairman, Ecumenical Committee
Nazareth.

JACK NICHOLSON

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Simon Carlsbach is entitled to his critical views. However, he rather overdid it in his review of "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" (June 15) when he questioned Jack Nicholson's acting ability.

We are really to take seriously Mr. Carlsbach's professional ability to fairly review a movie when he says Jack Nicholson "just gets all the best roles." Come, come, Mr. Carlsbach, it's one thing to be given a role, quite another to portray it. And Nicholson's powerful portrayals clearly showing his "range, versatility, and powerful presence"

which you so unquestioningly deny, earned him nominations five times for the Academy Awards.

SANDRA COHEN
Jerusalem

Simon Carlsbach comments: "No professional critic would 'unquestioningly deny' any of the numerous qualities attributed to people in show business. With regard to the acting abilities of Mr. Nicholson, the most I can say for him is that the role he's been playing has proven his popularity, and I'd be surprised were he himself to put forward any alternative considerations."

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Having lost all my family in the Holocaust — and not forgetting it for a single day — I read with dismay about Haifa Municipality's suggestion to erect a monument in memory of the 6 million victims, at a cost of \$2m. (June 16).

I would suggest that they build a hospital, ward, or a treatment and/or rehabilitation centre at the

same expense, thus creating a living and dignified memorial, instead of a bombastic lifeless cold block of stone (or metal) of no use to anyone except the building contractors.

I shall gladly contribute to a living memorial to my family and friends — but I flatly refuse to do so for a dead piece of stone.

L. PINTER
Haifa

PLANETARY PASSPORTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I am the U.S.A. Mundalization (world citizenship) Director, and am a delegate to the XIIIth World Congress on Rehabilitation now meeting at the Tel Aviv Hilton. I was most interested in your article of June 15 on Mr. Garry Davis and his being refused entry into Israel because he tried to use a World Passport.

I, too, tried using my Planetary Passport — issued by the Planetary Citizens Registry at 777 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017. The Planetary Passport is also an "unofficial document" at this time; however, it was devised with the help of persons in the United Nations legal office who gave advice as to its design and content. The Planetary Passport is to be used in conjunction with the national passport and is oftentimes approved by immigration authorities in many countries in Europe and the U.S.A. Much to my disappointment, however, I found that my Planetary Passport — as Gary Davis' World Passport — found rejection here in Israel!

The use of any passport — be it issued by a nation-state, or be it issued by some global agency — should be for one purpose: identification of the bearer. The purpose of the Planetary Passport is to alert people to the artificial boundaries that separate all of us. It is an expression in action of an individual's primary loyalty to the world community, and is a first step toward creating a universal travel document. A campaign is being conducted for the official recognition by governments — and for its issuance to come from the United Nations or some other Global Authority.

I acknowledge that a country like the U.S.S.R. would probably still make it difficult — if not impossible — for its citizens to apply for and to use such a document as the means of travel from and to its own country. However, we find this reluctance to approve such a document even in such democracies as Israel and the U.S.A.

At our Congress on Rehabilitation, Prime Minister Rabin spoke of the rehabilitation of the Land of Israel — a political rehabilitation as well as a social and personal rehabilitation. Sadly, this concept applies to the needs of our entire planet, not just the needs of one people.

The human society is in need of rehabilitation — as are the lands of many peoples of Spacelap Earth. Israel is setting the example of how this can be done. Why not include within this process here in Israel the acknowledgement of our role as citizens of the world — members of one human family. You can do it by authorizing the use of the Planetary World Passports for travel to and from Israel as one step.

Rev. Dr. NORMAN E. LEACH
U.S.A. Mundalization Coordinator
Tel Aviv (San Francisco).

HEBREW IN BRITAIN

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — In The Jerusalem Post Magazine of June 18, your correspondent Mark Segal reports that in Great Britain "there are chairs of Hebrew only at Oxford, Cambridge, Manchester and Sussex... At Cambridge, the focus is on classical Hebrew."

I am afraid Mr. Segal got his facts mixed up somewhat. There are chairs of classical Hebrew at all major British universities. The places he mentions also teach living modern Hebrew. At Sussex, to the best of my knowledge, there is no "chair," but a senior teacher of Israeli sociology and a lecturer of Hebrew. A lecturer of modern Hebrew has been teaching at Cambridge for the last four years. A lecturer or junior lecturer also teaches at the University of Exeter.

It is most ungracious not to mention London, where the School of Oriental and African Studies established in the early twenties one of the first modern Hebrew lectureships in the world, and where modern Hebrew has also been taught for many years at University College and Jews' College; and also Leeds, which has taught modern Hebrew since the late thirties. Apart from Oxford, there is also a chair of Jewish History at Warwick University.

The article also gives the mistaken impression that local initiative had done little for Hebrew Studies. In fact, all the posts mentioned, except for Sussex, were established either by the universities themselves or with local Jewish donations. The Oxford Centre for Post-graduate Hebrew Studies was established quite recently through very generous contributions by a group of English Jews.

PROF. CHAIM BABIN
Chairman, Council on the Teaching of Hebrew.
Jerusalem.

A guest from down under

A recent visitor to Israel was Australia's Labour ex-Premier GOUGH WHITLAM. His discussion with leaders of the local Labour Party, notes reporter SRAYA SHAPIRO, were mainly helpful in emphasizing the gulf which separates Australian and Israeli socialist thinking about the Middle East.



IF AUSTRALIA'S former Labourite Premier Gough Whitlam expected his recent brief visit to Israel to ease the shock caused here by his flirting with the Arabs, he must have been sorely disillusioned. A number of Israeli Socialist leaders who held discussions with him were rubbed the wrong way by Whitlam's insistence that he had equal obligations to his Jewish and Arab nationalists in Australia. "A Unionist he may be — but a Socialist? I doubt it very much," observes Esther Herlitz, MK, former head of the Labour Party's international department.

For people bred in the European school of Socialism, the term implies an effort to create a better world for all humanity. "But Whitlam does not even acknowledge Australia's links with Europe, from which it sprang," says Miss Herlitz. He believes in "Australia First" — and that means the established Australia, not even including the new immigrants who, Whitlam claims, are rather a burden on the veteran settlers.

WHITLAM'S UNDERSTANDING of the Middle East situation is shaped by this "Australia First" outlook. Australians, he asserts, want above all to prevent a renewal of war in the Middle East. Because this might provoke a global contest between the super-powers, all else, he suggests, is of minor importance to them. "Whitlam can see no harm in the establishment of a PLO-run State in the Judea-Samaria-Gaza regions," notes Aharon Yariv, MK, a former Army intelligence chief. When told that such a new state would be a mere bridgehead for an onslaught on Israel, Whitlam offered security

"guarantees" as a remedy. "The Australian Labour leader also fails to understand why Israel refuses to sit down with the PLO and discuss terms with them. Such talks, he maintains, would be a sign of the de-facto recognition of Israel by the PLO, and therefore a significant contribution to the cause of peace. Of course," comments Yariv, "Whitlam only echoes currently popular ideas which represent a total misunderstanding of the situation in the Middle East." Austria's Bruno Kreisky, a European Socialist of the traditional persuasion, similarly urges Israel to "sit down with PLO."

"WHAT THESE PEOPLE deliberately ignore is the plain fact that the PLO, or any Arab government for that matter, are intent only on destroying Israel. This is but an extreme example of the traditional Moslem tendency to keep non-Moslem minorities down, and wholly dependent on the Moslem majority. The protection of even the Christians in the Middle East by European powers is today a matter of the past. What is happening in Lebanon today is proof that Western Europe is not interested in helping the Lebanese Christians maintain the status of equality they enjoyed for half a century. "How much less," exclaims Yariv, "can the European powers be expected to care for the rights of the Jews in the Middle East."

Whitlam, the Australian, fully shares these European attitudes, says Yariv. The justice of the Jewish cause, the need of the Jews to look after themselves, and the Jews' ability to assist their neighbours in improving their lot, all these leave the Whitlam kind of Socialist cool and indifferent.

POSTSCRIPTS



A Tel Aviv reader has sent us the accompanying photograph with the following comment:

"Running for months now at the Studio Cinema, 'The Magic Slute' has been getting indecent exposure but no one seems to care. "Mistakes can happen and obviously Ingmar Bergman did not want it this way. But why this fine little cinema has not bothered to replace the 'S' with an 'F' is quite incomprehensible."

Perhaps the management thinks some members of the public will mistake the film for a Western.

O.K.

A FRIEND who has recently been in Cyprus tells us that when she arrived at Larnaca airport she asked a taxi driver to take her to the Sun Hall Hotel. He beamed broadly and said:

"That's the most pitiful hotel on the island."

She was rather put off by the description but cheered up a bit to find a handsome newish building on the beach, teeming with children enjoying themselves at a dozen different games. The barman explained that four floors off the hotel had been taken over to house displaced Greek Cypriots from the Turkish-occupied Famagusta area as well as a few Lebanese refugees.

It turns out that Sun Hall is owned by the orphanage of the Archbishop of Cyprus and is operated by the Church. Since September 1974 it has been home for displaced persons who have some financial means at their disposal. In other words, the driver had meant that Sun Hall is the most merciful hotel in Cyprus.

J.G.

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2:00 pm	Veterans Parade	3:00-7:00 pm	STRAW POLLS
2:30 pm	FORMAL CEREMONIES at Bandstand in Stadium Rededication — Rabbi Richard Hirsch In Memoriam — Colonel Arthur E. Hoffman Greetings from President of Israel Remarks by Michael Newlin, U.S. Consul General Medley of American Songs Announcements of Day's Program	3:00 pm	Straw Poll No. 1 — Nominations for President of U.S. Polls Close at 4:00 pm
3:00-7:30 pm	LIVE ENTERTAINMENT M.C. — Bruce Brill (See insert for details)	5:00 pm	Announcement of Results of Straw Poll No. 1. Straw Poll No. 2 — Election of President of U.S. Polls Close at 6:00 pm. Voting on Propositions 1 & 11.
3:00-6:00 pm	COMPETITIVE CONTESTS 2:00-5:00 pm Baseball Freethrow Contest 3:30-5:00 pm Golf Driving Contest 3:30-5:00 pm Kite Contest 5:00-6:00 pm Soap Box Derby	7:00 pm	Announcement of Results of Straw Poll No. 2. Propositions 1 & 11.
		6:00 pm	Evacuate Football Field Behind Stadium to prepare Grounds for Fireworks Display
		7:00-8:00 pm	AWARDS OF PRIZES FOR COMPETITIVE CONTESTS AND DOOR PRIZES. (GRAND DOOR PRIZE will be a "Pilgrimage to the U.S. Bicentennial" — two round trips to U.S. including car rental in U.S.)
		8:00-8:30 pm	Mammoth *** Fireworks *** Display
		8:30-10:30 pm	Giant Screen Movie "Yankee Doodle Dandy"
		10:30-11:00 pm	More Mammoth *** Fireworks *** Display
		11:00 pm-1 am	Giant Screen Movie "That's Entertainment"

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